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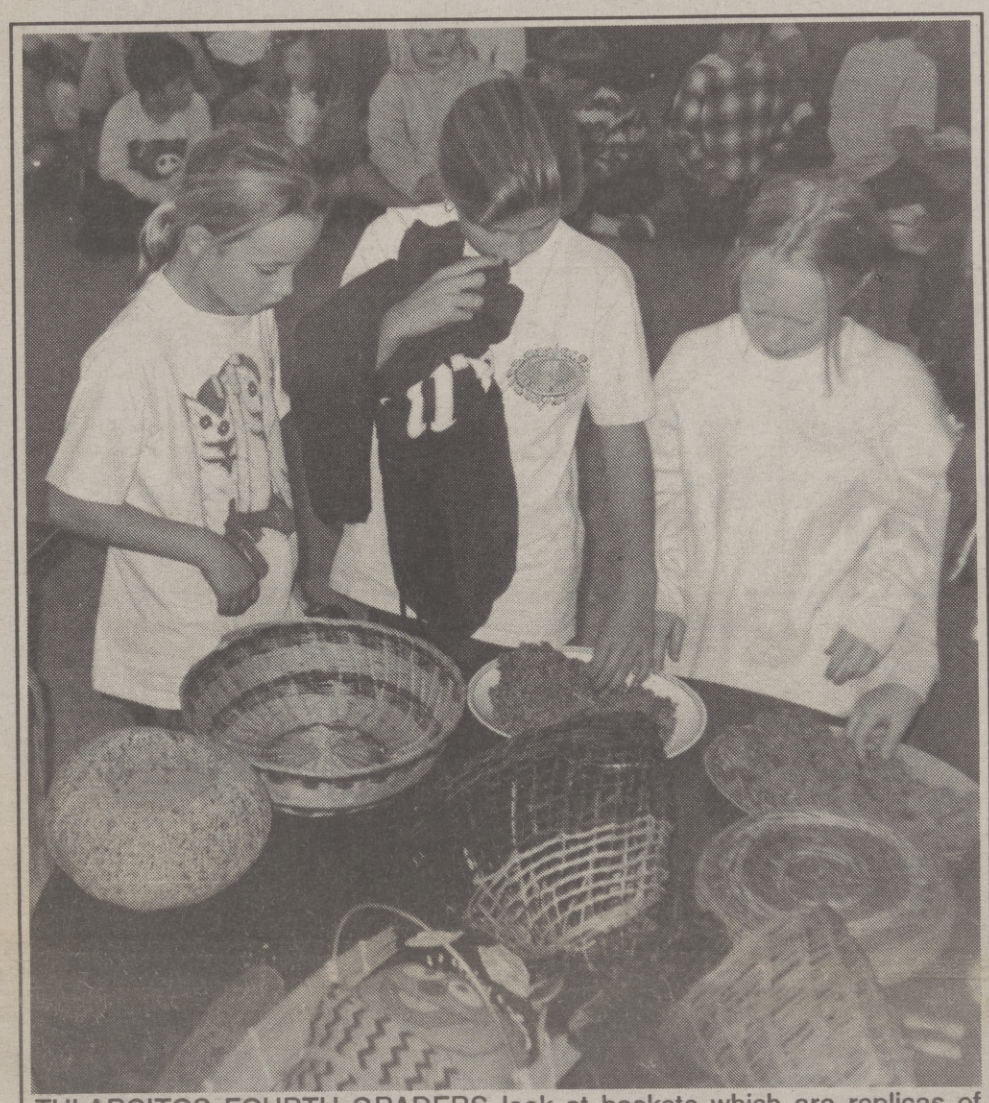

TULARCITOS FOURTH GRADERS look at baskets which are replicas of baskets used by native California Indians during a visit to teach the students about Native American culture. See story page 6. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Fight over New Chair Divides Water Board

By Stan Hall

Fran Farina of Carmel Valley is bidding to replace Jim Hughes of Pacific Grove as the next chair of the water management district board in what one observer called "a nasty little backroom fight."

"It's not nasty on my part," Farina said when asked about her effort to replace Chairman Ken Long, whose term expires Dec. 3.

Hughes is vice chairman of the seven-member board, and Long said it is traditional for the vice chair to succeed him. "It's training to become the chair," Long said.

Disputing just how traditional that succession has been, Farina, an unsuccessful candidate for fifth district supervisor this year, made no bones about wanting the chairmanship. When asked why, she told The Sun:

"We've been frustrated for two years in our efforts to get approval for the dam. We need to stay on the track for the next two years... Jim was a part of the team that was gung ho on desal. The public is tired of waiting. There is no other motivation."

Noting her term had two years to run, she added, "In the next two years, I have to show them (the people) we're making progress."

For his part, Hughes said, "I don't like these political games," but added "it wouldn't be the end of the world" if he did not become chairman.

Noting he had served six years on the board and Farina two, Hughes added: "I've paid my dues. I've waited in line a while." He also noted that he had been active in local politics for 20 years and had experience dealing with state agencies.

As for Farina's assertion that she wanted a new Los Padres Dam more than he does, Hughes said that when he first ran for the water board in 1987, the main plank in his campaign was that a new dam was critical. "I said then 'If you don't want a dam, don't vote for me."

By The Sun's reckoning, Farina will get support from Director Dick Heuer and Supervisor Sam Karas at the board's Dec. 20 meeting while Hughes will win the backing of Mayor David Pendergrass of Sand City and Lou Haddad of Monterey.

That would mean that Darlene Burkleo of Seaside would hold the deciding vote. She declined to say who she would back, noting that she won't be sworn in as a new board member until Dec. 3.

Reports have circulated that Farina had offered Burkleo the vice chair's position in return for her support. Burkleo said she had discussed the position with Farina, but was not interested.

FRAN FARINA

"I intend to run for mayor of Seaside next year," said the former Seaside City Council woman.

Farina told The Sun she had talked to Burkleo about the vice chair's position, "but not in exchange for her vote."

Asked about Farina's challenge, Hughes said he could not imagine people "with two more divergent philosophies" than he and Farina. He expressed irritation that while Farina had been seeking votes from all the other board members, she had never talked about her aspirations with him. "The last time I saw her, everything was lovey-dovey, and she didn't say a thing," he said.

One observer, who asked to speak off the record, said he understood Farina was not only courting board support, but was seeking public support for her bid. "I wouldn't be surprised if the chambers are not full of

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New Debate Erupts over Freeway

By Carolyn Rice

Two members of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) opposed to the Hatton Canyon Freeway said the county will not necessarily lose use of any savings if a less expensive project is built. But the chairman of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) said it has as of now.

A new debate broke out after the CTC's vote Nov. 17 to rescind a guarantee that Monterey county could keep any savings from $43 million in state and federal funds earmarked for the freeway.

Supervisors Barbara Shipnuck of Salinas and Sam Karas of Monterey argued that the county still could hang on to some savings if a widening project is approved instead of the freeway. Both took strong issue with a Sun headline that said "County Wins Time; Loses Freeway Savings."

Contacted by telephone in Sacramento, Jerome Lipp, chairman of the CTC, told The Sun that as of now, Monterey County has lost use of any savings for other highway projects, based on the language in a motion which the CTC unanimously adopted at its last meeting. He said for any savings to be used in Monterey County now would require the CTC to approve a new motion providing for that.

Meantime, a supporter of the long-stalled freeway raised the threat of recall

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LETTERS

Trails Would Open Pandora's Box

Public horse trails through private property? A huge Pandora's box of problems for property owners would open up, and the courts would be smothered by lawsuits. Only lawyers would benefit by something so outrageous against property owners.

Do these proponents of horse trails intruding on private property have any idea of property rights as outlined in the constitution?

Years ago, I brought up the idea that it would be nice for country roads to be wide enough to include horse trails. I was advised at that time that the county could not cope with the obvious possibility of accidents and problems that could arise with such a plan.

The national forest and wilderness areas adjoining Carmel Valley cannot maintain the existing trails.

I rest my case.

J. N. Swanson
Carmel Valley

The author is a western painter/sculptor, horse trainer and is active in Stewards of the Range, a property rights organization.—The Ed.

Here's a Doris Day Fan from England

I understand your newspaper featured an article recently on a charity event in aid of the Doris Day Pet Foundation and three or four children's charities which took place Oct. 9 at Quail Lodge and was attended by Miss Day herself.

I have been an ardent fan/follower of everything Doris has done in films and on records since the 1940s when I was about 11-12 years of age and now am still interested in anything she does, especially for the animals.

I collect anything about Doris Day and wondered if you would consider letting me have a copy of your newspaper which featured the fundraising event, plus, which would be a bonus to me, a copy of the photograph used with the article. I am quite prepared to reimburse you for any cost involved, and this I can do through my son who lives in Philadelphia. I do hope you will grant my request.

Jean M. Steel
North Humberside, England

We Will.—The Ed.

Poll Was Irresponsible Journalism

I was disturbed to see the front page article on your Hatton Canyon poll. I enthusiastically support the protection of the Hatton Canyon wildlife area. I have always dreamed of improving the world by planting a tree in every yard for every child to climb and every person to sit under. When I heard about Carmel's philosophy of protecting trees, I knew this was the place for me.

When I came here two years ago, I fell in love with Hatton Canyon and took many morning walks there. Now, I live closer to Mission Trail Park, and I am so grateful to the people who had the foresight to set aside that valuable property for the preservation of nature. I am restored, refreshed and inspired by healthy people when I encounter them. How do they stay healthy? One way is to spend as much time as possible in nature. I understand that the habitat in our area is very fragile. Thought it looks lush, the soil is dry and more like a desert. It needs our tender loving care.

This is not an either/or situation. I am sure that a way will be found to improve the flow of traffic without destroying our beautiful Hatton Canyon. If we care enough, our creative minds will find a solution. It is worth it to take all the time necessary to solve our traffic problem without further sacrifice of our precious environment.

Finally, I must say that to me the conducting and reporting of this Hatton Canyon poll represents irresponsible journalism. It is unfortunate that our minds are easily swayed by words that suggest majority opinion. It is, sadly, more effective to say a product is the "most popular" or "best selling" item than it is to cite its qualities. We have enough distortion of information in advertising and other media programming. I expect a good newspaper to present facts, not opinion. Save opinion for the editorial page, not the front page.

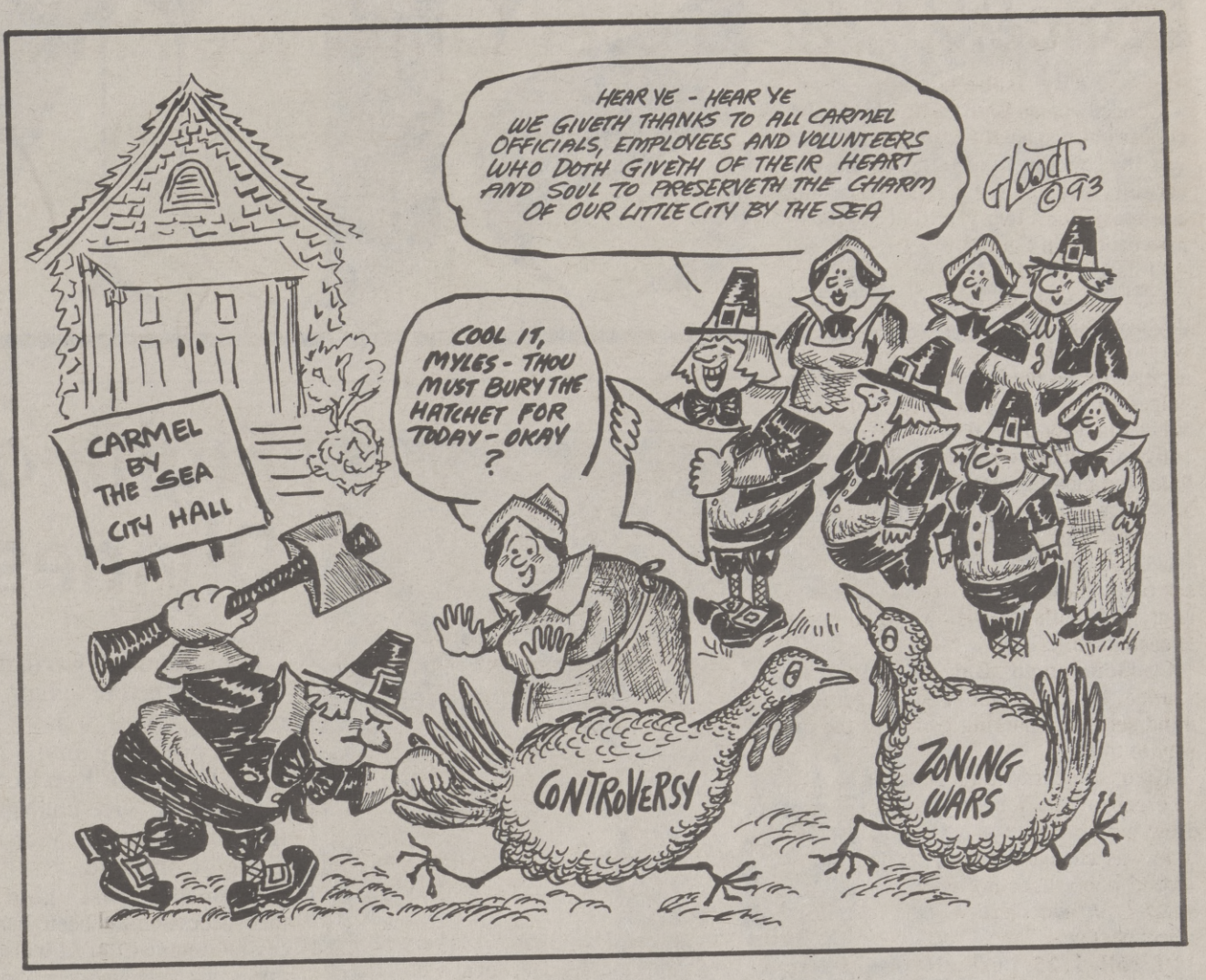
I call on you to balance you "popular opinion poll" with information that can assist us in coming to well-informed decisions. You poll has pictured our community as two opposing sides. This is not true. Why not report on the courageous citizens who are putting in time and effort into finding solutions that will be a win for all of us. I call on the Sun to pull the information together that will save Hatton Canyon and solve the traffic problem at the same time. This is an historic event for our community. You and your paper can contribute to a big win for all of us.

Carrie Dlouhy
Carmel

Enjoyed Seeing Doris and Buster

Once again The Sun comes through for us Carmel-lovin' non-locals. As I sat glued to my television on Nov. 9 watching Good Morning America, I was thrilled that the weather had cooperated to bring such a gorgeous day, and I wondered what all had gone on behind the scenes to bring the show to us. I knew that it was being taped on Monday, and I figured that it was later than their usual 7 a.m. start time, but I had so many technical questions that you answered in your great article of Nov. 11.

Being a fan and friend of Doris, I was particularly grateful to see the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Sewer Directors Will Review Pay Policy

Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) had second thoughts about new limits they recently placed on their earnings from the district and voted to reconsider. They also took exception to some of the charges that were leveled during a recent election.

The five-member board challenged a statement during the election by John Thodos, a Carmel architect who ran unsuccessfully against two directors, that CAWD should be more active in controlling dirty storm water runoff. Members noted that was not a part of their charter, saying runoff and sewage are different problems.

President Joyce Stevens complained, "Misleading statements in the recent election left distinctly inaccurate impressions of what's going on down here." She led an almost paragraph-by-paragraph discussion of coverage of Thodos' challenge to Directors John Floyd and Paul Beemer, including letters to the editor.

She complained about quotes from Thodos that directors "were too comfortable" and may have served too long. She suggested terms were not too long "when it takes 10, 12, 15 years to accomplish a project." In response to another Thodos observation, Stevens elicited an opinion from legal Counsel Robert Wellington that state law does not provide for term limits.

Directors discussed the possiblity of holding a news conference, taking out advertisements and using CAWD's new newsletter to answer some of the charges, but in the end decided to wait and see what happens.

Stevens also took exception to The Sun's coverage of the board's decision in October to adopt a new compensation schedule for directors which limits their earnings to $600 in any month.

"I think it was unfair and misleading," she said. She said she had breakfast with Councilwoman Barbara Brooks of Carmel who told her, "I had no idea you get

Concerns Aired over Employee Parking in R-1 District

By Isabelle Hall

Councilwoman Barbara Brooks expressed concern at a special City Council meeting that the street in front of her house would become "an employee parking space" under a proposal for a two-year trial program for paid parking in Carmel.

"I hear some things today that make me concerned, that codifies people parking in the residential area near town," said Brooks, who lives close to the downtown area. "It appears to me the R-1 district is not being helped at all during the two-year period. What's in it for the R-1 district?"

Brooks also complained about the hotel and motel guests who park in front of a house for three days but City Administrator Jere Kersnar told her, "It would not be in the city's best interest to ask hotel guests to pay so many dollars an hour, and that's the visitor we most want to encourage."

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston warned, "I don't want to see us get into a mind set that a parking garage is the only way to think."

Their concerns and those of others emerged at the meeting Nov. 18 which drew only a dozen or so people after the time was changed from 3:30 to 2 p.m. A second public meeting was set for 4 p.m. on Dec. 9, and there will be a series of others next year.

"I called 25 business people yesterday and 23 said they couldn't make it," said Toni Jepson, executive director of the Carmel Business Association. "Eighty-five percent of the business people and retailers don't have time at this time of year. We're going to have a problem getting people to understand what we're trying to do. You're going to take action without public input from the business community."

"Many people would like to be here this afternoon and didn't know the time was changed," said former Planning Commission Chair Carla Ramsey. "I feel very strongly that the residents have been impacted strongly by parking. It probably will be a garage that will save the residents any further intrusion."

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JERE KERSNAR outlined a proposed paid parking program for Carmel at a City Council meeting Nov. 18. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Jepson said the CBA "feels very strongly about the non-resident local who will not come to Carmel and will go to the mouth of the Valley and Del Mar Shopping Center where they don't have to pay or worry about it."

Carmel, a village of one square mile, is frequented by people from the surrounding area that are "non-resident" in terms of city parlance.

At present parking is free in Carmel but violations for overtime cost $20, and the revenue from tickets is one of the city's major sources of funds.

Councilman Phil Coniglio wanted consideration for non-residents who own commercial property in town. Councilman Bob Fischer asked, "What if the trial period turned into a total disaster, and we had a commitment" to a vendor to run the program.

Kersnar outlined his recommendations for a two-year program that would involve parking for employees in the residential area and paid parking in the downtown area of the one-mile square village.

He suggested residents might be charged $12 a year, the fee they pay now for a permit to park downtown longer than allowed, and employees about $1 a day. He agreed non-resident locals were a special issue and suggested there might be different rates for different streets with Ocean Avenue priced highest.

"Why would you charge residents at all since they have to put up with all this?" asked Mayor Ken White, who also questioned, "Is this medicine too big to swallow for the parking problem?"

Kersnar said he believed the best way to administer any parking program would be to hire a contractor but he said he would want the three present parking ticket employees, "not the positions," retained by any contractor.

He said any program should be mandatory because "if you make it voluntary, people are going to say no." He predicted there would be enough revenue that the city could move toward a parking solution such as a new garage and "still have money left over."

Alan Williams, chairman of the Ad Hoc Parking committee, whose report was the basis for the staff proposals, said, "If you're going to charge employees $1-a-day, you should give them a bus pass—that's trip reduction."

But, Williams cautioned, "The public needs to be brought in before you start charging at the curb." He said the ultimate goal of creating employee parking in the R-1 district was to use the revenues to build a parking garage or a similar final solution. "Unless you make that clear, you will run into a residential revolt."

"A garage would be two to three years away," said White.

Fischer raised the issue of signs cluttering the residential area if parking is allowed there. "We're going to be creating a new forest of signs. We will have to have signs on every single block."

"It's a bitter piece of fruit to bite," White agreed.

David Maradei, a parking committee member and member of the Carmel Residents Association, said, "You either have tunnels of cars or signs." He suggested the parking situation "may be an insoluble problem."

Penisulans Celebrate Thanksgiving

By Carolyn Rice

Peninsula residents geared up for an onslaught of out-of-town visitors, special dinners and buffets at restaurants and a free community dinner for 3,000 at the Monterey Fairgrounds this Thanksgiving.

Pat Scheid of the Tourist Information Company, a Carmel roomfinder service, reported Carmel inns were almost fully booked through the weekend.

Carmel Valley establishments also reported full bookings. Glenn Gurries at Robles Del Rio Lodge said, "We're a busy little lodge." He said he had one room left for Saturday and a couple of openings on Sunday.

The cost of eating Thanksgiving dinner on the peninsula ranges from the free community dinner at the fairgrounds to as much as $50 if you prefer abalone to turkey at Quail Lodge in the Valley.

Scheid said she answered calls all day long on Monday from people looking for rooms. Bookings in Monterey and Pacific Grove were also running at between 90 and 100 percent full, Scheid said. "It's very good on the whole peninsula." Her company books rooms from San Francisco to San Simeon.

"I think Carmel is the ideal spot," Schied said. "That's where they all want to come to do their Christmas shopping, go to the good restaurants and just to get away."

Scheid said she books for about 99 percent of the Carmel hostelries. By Monday any available rooms were only opening up due to last minute cancellations, she said. "I have a few things available, but very few."

"I'm exhausted. I have five lines, and I'm losing my voice," said the harried Scheid. She said earlier she feared the American Airlines strike might affect Thanksgiving weekend. "But I do not believe it has affected anything." She said she had been told travel agents were double-booking their customers with flights with other airlines so their holiday plans wouldn't be waylaid by the strike which was called off Tuesday for negotations.

Gary Luce of Inns-By-The-Sea which has five Carmel inns with 116 rooms said he was 100 percent booked. "We've been sold out for a while," he said. He estimated about 60 percent of the guests who stay at the Dolphin Inn, Candlelight, Wayside, Svensgaard and Carriage House return each year. Some rent rooms with a full kitchen, precook their Thanksgiving dinner and bring it with them, he said.

The majority of Inns-By-The-Sea guests come from Northern California with the second largest group coming from Southern California, he said.

Scheid said she has had a number of calls from out of state, especially New York but agreed a large group of visitors come from locations within California.

A Carmel Valley Ranch reservationist reported she had a few rooms for the weekend but was still getting many calls. "I'm sure we'll be full," she said.

Quail Lodge hosts a lot of families who visit relatives who live nearby but need extra room for their company, a reservationist said.

Sylvia Quarles of Seaside expects about 3,000 guests to eat at the free community Thanksgiving dinner planned from noon to 5 p.m. in the Monterey room at the fairgrounds.

In Carmel Valley, Randy Randazzo will serve his annual turkey dinner for the residents of Rippling River Wednesday, "I've got 60 pounds of turkey, and 12 pies have been donated," he said. "In all we'll feed 38 residents and about 20 of the volunteers who help."

"The whole intent is no one should be alone on the holidays," said

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Park Director Announces Asilomar Reforms; Grace May Join Board

Director Donald Murphy of the California State Parks Department announced a series of reforms at Asilomar in Pacific Grove Tuesday, promising his personal involvement to prevent any future financial irregularities at the Conference Center.

Murphy said a task force will review the center's operation, new board members will be appointed and two audits will be completed in the near future.

The former controller at the center, Skip Perkins, is being investigated by the Monterey County district attorney for allegedly embezzling $66,000. Perkins is no longer employed, and neither is Donald Elisha, the former general manager who retired after a state audit discovered irregularities over a month ago. Elisha is not part of the criminal investigation.

Asked by The Sun, Murphy confirmed that former Carmel Mayor Jean Grace is among those being interviewed for seats on the seven-member board. Murphy did not name any other likely appointees, but said he would seek directors from other areas of the state as well as locally.

Murphy vowed to take "strong and decisive" measures to solve problems at the center. Besides an ongoing audit by a state controller, Murphy has hired Deloitte and Touche of Salinas to conduct an independent audit of Asilomar operations.

"The way things were structured, the information needed to prevent oversight was not in place," said Murphy who was named state director last year after serving as regional director for Big Sur.

Asilomar, which is located on state property, has been run as a private, nonprofit company. Murphy said it grosses about $13 million a year with the surplus varying from year to year but averaging about $1 million annually.

Murphy said the board would not be held culpable or responsible for any financial irregularities. Of the seven member board, two resigned and two members whose terms are up have not been reappointed. The two remaining members on the board are Victoria Gibson of Carmel Valley and Fred Farr of Carmel.

Directors are paid $150 per meeting.

At the final meeting of the old board last Thursday, members also voted to pay the accounting firm conducting the audit, Murphy said. "I'm very pleased the board took these positive steps towards reform as part of their final duties."

He said after the restructuring some of the profits will be redistributed elsewhere in the state parks system. For a long time, the state was not very involved with the center, Murphy said. "At first they didn't want to take it on as they feared it would become a white elephant."

It has been a bone of contention what to do with the money left over after maintenance needs are met at Asolimar, Murphy said, adding he hopes to continue to operate it as a private, nonprofit company under the auspices of the state rather than with a concessionaire would take more of the profits. He cited Sacramento Old Town, saying it grosses $27 million annually but only 7 percent goes to the state under the arrangement with the concessionairre.

A task force with representatives from the state legislature, travel industry, environmental interests and local community will be appointed within the next two weeks, Murphy said. He will ask the task force to review all aspects of the center, including the relationship between the state and the current management structure, he said.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL RANCHO. An agent at Brooks Travel Agency reported a $376 check written by a woman was returned marked "account closed." Contacted by a deputy, the woman said her purse had been taken in a burglary at Lake Tahoe. The deputy said three checks had now been passed in the Monterey, and the case will be consolidated at the Monterey Police Department. 11/15.

VALLEY. A Cachagua woman reported a strawberry-shaped bar of soap was missing from her residence. 11/15.

Challenged to a Fight

VILLAGE. Two women who live on Village Drive reported a woman neighbor called them names and challenged them to a fight. They did not wish to press charges. 11/15.

CARMEL. A woman who lives on Carmel Point asked a deputy to accompany her to check on the welfare of a 92-year old woman who lives on Serra, suggesting she was not properly cared for. The deputy said the woman seemed to be fine, but said he would keep an eye on her. 11/15.

CARMEL. A man who lives on Rio Road telephoned to report he had an argument with his wife over which car he could drive. 11/16.

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Paso Mediano reported being struck by another woman at the Running Iron on 11/12. 11/16.

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Boronda Road said she saw her dog, which she reported missing in July of 1992, in Monterey with the person she suspected of taking him. 11/16.

VALLEY. A woman who lives at Del Mesa Carmel reported someone was hiding in the bushes near her home. A deputy was unable to find anyone. 11/17.

BIG SUR. The owner of El Sur Ranch said someone had cut up a bay tree that fell on the road near the Little Sur River. 11/17.

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Village Drive reported she was awakened in the night by the sound of the breaking of a window on her second floor bedroom. A deputy said he could not determined what caused it to break. 11/17.

Not Quite Shoplifting

VILLAGE. A clerk at Kasey's reported an 18-year-old Seaside man was being held for shoplifting. The clerk said she had asked the man to empty his pockets at the counter and they contained batteries he had not paid for. He then paid for them. A deputy told the clerk that a person had to leave the premises with goods before it could be considered theft. 11/18.

CARMEL RANCHO. A doctor reported a patient from Newport Beach came to his office on Carmel Rancho Boulevard while he was away and took an electronic messenger, telling the receptionist the doctor said he could borrow it. The messenger is valued at $300. 11/18.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Dorris Drive reported her tenants were moving out and threatening to take fixtures in the apartment. A deputy arrived and they agreed to leave the fixtures, but one of them was arrested for outstanding warrants. 11/18.

Illegal Campsite Found

CARMEL. The Carmel animal control officer reported finding an illegal campsite on the beach north of Pescadero Canyon. A known local transient is believed responsible, a deputy said. 11/19.

CARMEL. A man who lives on South Carmel Hill Drive reported hearing footsteps outside his garage. A deputy could find nothing. 11/19.

VALLEY. A Monterey woman reported the theft or loss of her wallet on a MST Bus in Carmel Valley. 11/19.

RIO ROAD. A Monterey man said two tires were slashed on his GMC pickup while it was parked in the Rio Grill lot. He said he suspected it was simply random vandalism. 11/20.

BIG SUR. A Big Sur transient was arrested on reckless driving charges after he forced two patrol cars off Highway 1 south of Andrew Molera State Park. He was turned over to the CHP for DUI. 11/20.

CARMEL RANCHO. A man reported someone had drawn a caricature of a man's face on the parking garage at Clocktower Place. 11/21.

BIG SUR. A security company reported people on the private beach at El Sur Ranch refused to leave. Complaints were sought against three young men. 11/21.

Pat Chamberlain Of Big Sur Dies

Pat Chamberlain, 54, California Highway Patrol officer in Big Sur for 18 years and recently retired chief of the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, died Nov. 16 of an apparent heart attack at his home.

A founding member of the fire brigade, he served as chief from 1984 until he stepped down in December, when he was named honorary chief for life. He had served with the CHP in Big Sur since 1970 and retired from the CHP in 1988.

No services are planned. His family asked that any memorials be sent to the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. Survivors include his widow, Barbara; a daughter; four sons two brothers—including Charles Chamberlain of Carmel Valley; and his mother.

Chamberlain, a big, robust man, served longer than any CHP officer in residence in Big Sur. Along with another CHP officer, Ken Wright, Chamberlain was the major law enforcement presence along a broad sweep of the rugged coast.

A MERCHANT IN CARMEL for 41 years, Gasper Cardinale spoke out in defense of city police after criticism that they failed to catch an armed robber in a $500,000 jewelry robbery. He said most merchants he talked with were satisfied with the police's performance, saying he didn't want other crooks to think Carmel was "easy pickings." *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

In Business 41 Years

Carmel Merchant Defends Police

Gasper Cardinale, a merchant in Carmel for 41 years, defended the police against criticism they bungled a chance to catch an armed jewel robber, saying he didn't want other crooks to get the idea that the city is "easy pickings."

"I don't want them to get that idea because I don't think it's true," said Cardinale during an interview with The Sun.

"It doesn't do any good to just keep on throwing rocks," he said, explaining why he decided to speak out. "I thought it was time somebody should stand up and say something."

In a robbery at Kerry Lee Jewelry on Oct. 26, a man armed with a blue steel revolver escaped with jewelry valued at $500,000 retail. The owner of the store and some other Ocean Avenue jewelers have criticized the police for not catching the man as he fled.

Sitting in his office in a small courtyard behind his Village Shoe Tree on Ocean, Cardinale said: "Enough has been in print. Let's go on to something else. Look at some of the good things the police have done.

"I'm sorry the people had a loss, but I don't believe the police are responsible for that loss.... We're fortunate that only material things were lost. We had an unfortunate incident, but it didn't turn into a disaster."

Cardinale said he was interested in criminal justice, having served on the county grand jury several years ago and also having volunteered numerous times to be a citizen representative on panels interviewing applicants for jobs with the Carmel police.

After all the uproar, he said he had conducted "a small personal survey" of some 20 other downtown merchants, most of whom agreed with him that the Carmel police do a generally good job.

"I don't feel they are ineffective," he said. "Most of the people I talked with said they feel very, very safe and are satisfied with the police."

Cardinale cited statistics which he said showed serious crime in Carmel is down 18 percent this year from last year. As for armed robberies, he said there were seven in 1992 and just four so far this year, two of which have been solved.

In crediting Det. Pete Poitras with solving one of them, a robbery-shooting at Hofsas Motel Nov. 7, Cardinale went out of his way to specifically defend Poitras, who has been the target of much of the ire of the owner and employees of Kerry Lee.

He noted that Poitras had rushed to the scene of the jewelry store robbery although he was off duty. Referring to his tenure on the police hiring board, he said: "The instruction out there is that they don't want a Hopalong Cassidy shoot-em-up guy.... somebody prone to shoot first and ask questions later. If this had turned out another way and someone had been shot, how would the community feel about it?"

He noted the notoriety that fell on Florida after foreign tourists were shot and killed there and the controversy that ensued after a Japanese exchange student was shot to death in the East Bay.

"What if a foreign visitor had been shot in this incident?" he asked. "It would have taken Carmel many summers to recuperate and have people feel safe coming to visit our village again."

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Mission Must Get Archaeological Report for Tree Planting

By Isabelle Hall

The Planning Commission reaffirmed its decision to give the Carmel Mission a use permit for a parking lot it paved more than a year ago on condition that an archaeological report be obtained for three islands of trees it wants planted in the middle of the lot.

The vote was 6-1 after a stormy session when activist Noel Mapstead, who has taken up the cause of native Americans, and Anthony Miranda, who says he represents 800 Rumsen Indians, accused Carmel of racism and even genocide. Mapstead threatened legal action while Miranda got into an argument with Marshall Hydorn, who had just been sworn in as a commissioner.

Commissioner Carl Livingston, the lone dissenter, contended, "We made a mistake when we insisted trees be planted there. We could solve our problem if we did not insist on trees inside the lot. It's overkill. I'm disappointed we did that."

The action had been called back for a rehearing at the request of Commissioner Melanie Billig. After the commission and the city were attacked by Mapstead and Miranda, Chairman Jack Kennedy turned to her and said, "Well, Melanie, you instigated this. Would you like to get us out of it?"

"We ought to reaffirm the action we took," she said, and add the condition proposed by the staff for an archaeological report.

Planning Director Brian Roseth said that only minor excavation of the blacktop was required to dig holes for the trees, and typically archaeological reports are not required to plant trees. But he said he was aware of the archaeological sensitivity of the area.

The mission is required to put three islands comprising 950 square feet of landscaping within the center of the 29,000-square foot lot in addition to 4,000 square feet of landscaping along the front of the lot to help screen views from Rio Road. City regulations require at least one tree for every four vehicles in a parking lot.

The permit that was approved, therefore, stipulated that an archaeological reconnaissance be prepared and submitted for each of the three little planter areas prior to excavation. If any artifacts are discovered before or during excavation, the work will be halted until they can be evaluated.

"We would not be in this position if the procedures had been followed," Vice chairman Ed Jordan said. "The lot was paved without any consideration for this city."

The lot was paved by Granite Construction in September of 1992 without a permit. It serves as a drop-off point for children attending Junipero Serra School at the mission and for the Carmel Youth Baseball League at Larson Field which the mission owns.

"If there is any native American buried there, it would have been before the mission period," said Richard Mann, a spokesman for the mission. "In 1774, 300 pear trees were planted there, and this was undisturbed until the 1930's. If there were burials, they were not in the mission period. They could have existed in the last 2,000 years."

Mapstead, who had attacked the city for malfeasance during consideration of plans for a house north of the mission for similar reasons, claimed that paving the parking lot "had a significant effect on the environment" and was not exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

He also cited the 1988 Genocide Act which he said made it illegal for anyone to kill indigenous people "or wipe out the culture of indigenous people. These are acts of genocide."

"Stick to the land use issues," Kennedy told him.

> ***"If they get away with not having proper permits, what happens to the rest of Carmel?"***

Miranda called the paving of the lot "arbitrary" and "capricious" and charged there was racism in the city's General Plan document because it describes the key historical period for the are as dating from when Father Serra founded Carmel Mission in the 1700s not back to the early Indian residents.

"I represent 800 Rumsen people," Miranda said. "We want to know if any remains there can be buried properly. If they get away with not having proper permits, what happens to the rest of Carmel?"

When Commissioner John Thodos asked him what he wanted done, Miranda, said, "Dig up the paving. They've taken so much from us now. Our culture's going to die off."

"Do you want the remains disturbed or not disturbed?" Hydron asked him. "The best way to preserve remains is to blacktop. Do you want to dig up everything in Carmel."

"You don't have to dig up all of Carmel," Miranda replied. "Just if it's in a sensitive area. The mission is very emotional. Would you want your mother and father blacktopped over?"

"I wouldn't want them dug up," Hydorn said.

"You're a racist," Mapstead hollered from the back of the room."

"I am not a racist, Mr. Mapstead," Hydorn told him.

Miranda told him, "We do not want to see any site have an archaeological survey. We want to rebury the remains in a dignified manner." Hydorn then asked, "How can you feel it's urgent to dig everything up on the chance you'll find remains. Where will it stop?"

"It will never stop," said Miranda.

Sharon Lawrence, who regularly attends commission meetings, then told the commission, "It's frightening to hear words like 'racism' and 'genocide.' I ask you for common sense and balance."

In March of 1992, Miranda conducted a small ceremony at the home of Dr. Ed Stachowiak of Yankee Point south of Carmel when the doctor announced he was going to bequeath his home to the Ohlone Indians.

Miranda represented a small group of Ohlone Indians from the Los Angeles area when Stachowiak put a large wooden sign on his fence reading "Ohlone Place." He said he was going to change his will and leave the property to the Indians instead of to an order of nuns.

At the time, Miranda said he was going to move to Carmel. He told the Planning Commission he was the new chairman of the Carmel Mission Indians.

Mapstead, a leader in the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, ran unsuccessfully for county supervisor in the last election. An artist, he has lived in the Carmel area most of his life, and regularly attends city and county government meetings, leading the fight against the proposed Hatton Canyon Freeway.

The use permit granted to the mission, which was annexed in the 1960s, puts seven new restrictions on the use of the parking lot. It will be limited to:

- Motor vehicle parking for Junipero Serra School and the Carmel Mission Basilica Church.
- Drop off and pick up of children for the school
- Carmel Mission School bus parking
- Motor vehicles for sporting events at school playgrounds, including Larson Field.
- Limited sports team bus parking for sporting events, not exceeding one bus per team.
- Overflow parking for private automobiles for special community and cultural events at the mission.
- Bus parking for not more than six buses for special church-related events not to exceed four events per calendar year and for no longer than 12 hours per event. The church must inform the city in advance of such events.

The issue of the mission parking lot was so politically charged that after she ordered the project red-tagged in September of 1993, former Planning Director Diane White bucked the question of a permit to the commission. Mission officials said they did not think a permit was required but on Jan. 8 applied for one. The first public hearing was held Aug. 11.

After the commission voted in favor of a permit and required the tree plantings, Mapstead and Miranda protested. Billig called for a rehearing and at the same time, Councilwomen Barbara Brooks and Barbara Livingston had the issue put on the council agenda for December as a backstop in case the commission refused to rehear it.

Prine Re-Elected Carmel Heritage President

Kathryn Prine was elected to a second term as president of the board of directors of Carmel Heritage, a preservation organization for the collection and intepretation of Carmel's historic and cultural heritage.

Other officers elected at a recent meeting are Jim Gregg, first vice president; Philo Holland, second vice president; T. Michael Ball, treasurer; and Elisabeth Ungaretti, recording secretary.

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Indians Demonstrate Their Ways At Tularcitos School Assembly

Tularcitos fourth graders watched Yamahea dance old tribal dances and tasted acorn bread provided by Tom Little Bear Nason during an assembly at the Valley school.

They also examined baskets, headdresses and other Indian objects brought to the school by Grandmother Bernice Torres during the assembly. It was presented by Windows to the West, Nason said, and funded by the Katalysis Foundation of Carmel.

Yamahea, which means one who yawns, wore a deer skin regalia (skirt) trimmed with red-tail hawk and Swanson hawk feathers. Known also as Patrick Orozco of Watsonville, Yamahea said he has been very active in native Indian affairs for the past 19 years. "I'm a person who wants to keep the tribe alive."

His ancestry is about one-quarter Rumsen, a quarter Mutsen—a tribe from the San Juan Bautista area—a quarter Chumash and the remainder "American," he said.

A necklace he wore contained a 3,000-year-old bone whistle given to him by an anthropologist. Abalone, oyster, olivela shells and beads were attached to the necklace which covered his chest.

Yamahea said his mother, Annie Orozco, came to Carmel Valley in 1930 for an Indian celebration. He said it was held somewhere between the Carmel Mission and Carmel Valley Village on open land. Ceremonial dances were performed, and he said he based his Indian outfit and dances on what his mother recalled of the dancing and dress. "She spoke a little of the Rumsen language," he said.

Nason used a mortar and pestle to show the students how dried acorns were ground into flour for bread. Students tasted the bread which was dry but flavorful.

Grandmother Bernice, who is from Salinas, danced and showed baskets made from branches, roots and rushes. One necklace she showed the students was designed to be worn by a runner who would take messages between the tribes, she said. "It gives them the power to feel like they are floating," she said.

An instrument made from a cocoon had gravel inside it for making music. A baby basket had a reed or branch over the its front which would protect the baby's face, keeping it from injury if the basket was dropped and it rolled over, Torres said.

The headdress which she wore while dancing was made of turkey feather. A long adornment which stretched across her forehead and extended on both sides of her face was made of the quill of flicker feathers which had been dyed orange.

YAMAHEA, a Watsonville man with native American heritage, danced for Tularcitos fourth graders during a special program. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Trails Committee Will Meet Dec. 1

The Carmel Valley Trails Committee will meet Dec. 1 to decide what issues it should consider when reviewing potential alignments for a trails system.

The meeting will be held at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Station on Carmel Valley Road from 2:30 to 4 p.m. In addition to discussing issues, County Planner Ann Towner will make a presentation on the status of developments in the Carmel Valley Master Plan area.

At a standing-room only meeting Nov. 3, ranch owners and foremen in the Valley complained loudly about the work of the committee, citing concerns over vandals, trespassers, arsonists and poachers. Chairman Rod Mills appointed subcommittees to contact landowners along the various trails the committee has proposed. The major trail would basically follow the Carmel River from the ocean to the Los Padres National Forest.

Messiah Sing Will Be Held Dec. 5

The 21st Annual Messiah Sing will be held at the Pacific Grove United Methodist Church Dec. 5 at 3:30 p.m.

The traditional concert is free to the public. A one-hour sing-along, it will include highlights from Handel's oratorio, The Messiah. Participants should bring their own music. The event is co-sponsored by the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel.

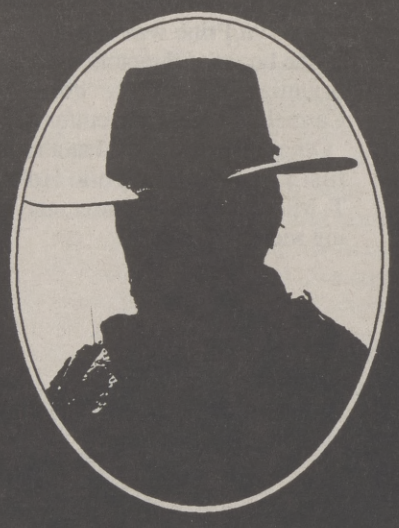
Holiday Tours Set for Valley

Seven Carmel Valley hostelries and wineries will open their doors for holiday tours on Dec. 7 and 14 at 10 and 2 p.m. each day.

The tours will depart from Quail Lodge by van and make stops at Chateau Julien, Carmel Valley Ranch, Los Laureles Lodge, Robles del Rio Lodge, Stonepine Resort and Equestrian Center and Bernardus Winery.

All the properties will be in their holiday finery, according to John Muth, chief concierge at Stonepine. For reservations for the tour which costs $5 call Muth at 659-2245, extension 21. Reservations must be made no later than the day before the event.

Muth said organizers will donate all proceeds to the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center and hope the tour will become a tradition in Carmel Valley.



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Future Use of First Murphy House Up for Debate at Nov. 30 Meeting

A tug-of-war is brewing over future uses of the First Murphy House and who should have control of the historic cottage—the Recreation Commission or the newly-formed Historic Preservation Committee.

At issue is what the little house should be used for: drop-in visits by tourists and residents interested in its history, a community coffeehouse, or perhaps a tourist information center as once proposed by the Carmel Business Association.

Council members Barbara Brooks and Bob Fischer, who comprise a subcommittee named to look into the future of the house, will hold a public forum Nov. 30 at 4 p. m. at City Hall on how to use the first house built by Carmel master craftsman M.J. Murphy in 1904 for his mother and sisters.

Making recommendations on the issue will be Chair Pat Sippel and former Chair Laurie Schumann of the Recreation Commission and Enid Sales and Claudine Van Vleet of the First Murphy Committee. Sales also is vice chair of the Historic Preservation Committee and heads the Historic Survey which has its office at First Murphy.

"I'm sure the Murphy people would like the survey out of here," Sales said. Asked where it could go, she suggested, "Flanders House, " the 1920's mansion owned by the city and leased to Carmel Heritage, a private, non-profit organization.

Ben Lyon, who supported saving First Murphy from the start, pointed out in an interview and in an advertisement in The Sun that the City Council approved the project to create a real community coffeehouse where people could gather to talk, play or hear music, and play chess or other such games. He said this got changed when former Mayor Jean Grace was told it was not compatible with zoning uses.

"I would never have gotten involved with it had I known it would be an empty house," he said. A co-founder of Old Carmel, a predecessor to the Carmel Residents Association, Lyon said, "My interest has always been in trying to return to the Monterey Peninsula what we lost when the coffeehouse, Sancho Panza, closed in 1965 in Monterey."

Sales and the volunteers who have manned the house since it opened Oct. 31, 1992, don't want it to be a coffee house, and they don't want the Recreation Commission involved in its supervision.

In a background flyer, they said that 5,161 persons have visited the house since it opened a year ago, 52 percent of them local residents from the city of some 4,300. The flyer also states that the final city decision on use of the house was that it be an informal gathering place with unscheduled activities, no city business or political meetings and only beverages and cookies to be served.

Sippel said she does not think a coffeehouse is appropriate. "I just never have seen it in that concept. I really need to hear from people who are not happy with the setup as it is, which is what I assume is going to happen on the 30th. I don't have any preconceived notions about what should happen at the Murphy house. I'm delighted they have their volunteers. Obviously, the Rec Department would not be able to do any more than they have. They've done a good job. We need to get to the bottom of it and find out what people want."

Lyon pointed out that Sales is both on the committee that will hear the discussion of uses and has promoted the position "that it's very good the way it is."

"Don't forget all those people who contributed money and labor with the promise of a real clubhouse," he said. "That's not only what I was talking about but what Enid and the mayor (Grace) were talking about until the mayor was advised to cut it."

Lyon said Grace was told by former Planning Commissioner Lindsay Hanna that the cottage could not become a coffee house because such use was not compatible with the zoning laws then in existence.

To date about $400,000 in city funds have been spent on Murphy Park, site of the house at Lincoln and Sixth Avenue, and another $85,000 or so donated privately in money and materials for reconstruction of the house after it was moved from another site.

A press release announcing the open house said it "promises to be an interesting event that could lead to some new and exciting ideas for the use of this unique building."

Two members of the First Murphy Advisory Committee—Nina Almond and Harriet Shanner—said in an interview they were pleased with the use of the house the past year. Each woman volunteers at least three hours a month as one of the 50 docents.

"This house is a piece of Carmel history and as time goes by and the house weathers, it will be seen as a special link with the past and as a reminder of how simple and unpretentious life in Carmel was in 1904," Almond said. Born in England, she said she and her late husband had moved to Carmel in 1965 because it reminded them of home.

NINA ALMOND AND HARRIETT SHANNER enjoy a cup of tea as they discuss the future of the First Murphy House. Both are volunteers at the historic cottage.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Shanner, who moved to the area 33 years ago, said, "I wanted to live in a little Hansel and Gretel house but it was not for my husband." She sees First Murphy as a place to "come and read your mail, bring your sandwich, enjoy a slower pace."

Almond would like to see the house used for such events as showing collections of early photos of Carmel with narration by an old-timer. She would also like talks by some of the successful authors who live in the city.

"So many people are totally disinterested in the house, including some of my close friends. I can't blame them for that because their interests lie elsewhere. However, I do resent all the negative comments that so many people make," she said.

Shanner said she did not think that the house should be under the Recreation Commission because, "In most people's minds, they are involved in more active things like racing or playing bridge. We want a slower pace. We're running things very well ourselves. Why couldn't we just report to the staff at City Hall."

"It's a good idea to make us autonomous," Almond agreed.

"I would like to see a franchise concessionaire operate it and given quite a bit of freedom," Lyon explained. "It would be open daytime and evening. A measure of its success would be that it would be serving the public interest, being what we the people want it to be. Certainly it isn't interesting now."

Lyon said he had no interest in going to the First Murphy House and meets his chess-playing friends in Pacific Grove at Bookworks or Chili Great Chili but the retired Herald photographer said "none of these places is set up the way a good coffeehouse should be."

Because of the high rents in Carmel, Lyon said only a city-owned establishment could provide the "leisure factor" of a coffeehouse along the lines of the famous Sancho Panza.

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Farina and Hughes Vie for Water Board Chair

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Farina supporters" when the board votes, he said. He recalled the effort that was made to get Pat Bernardi appointed to the board instead of Long after the death of Bob Russell in 1990.

Reports also have circulated that Farina and Karas made a deal after the supervisors' primary—Farina would back Karas for supervisor if Karas supported her for water board chair. The Sun asked Farina about those reports.

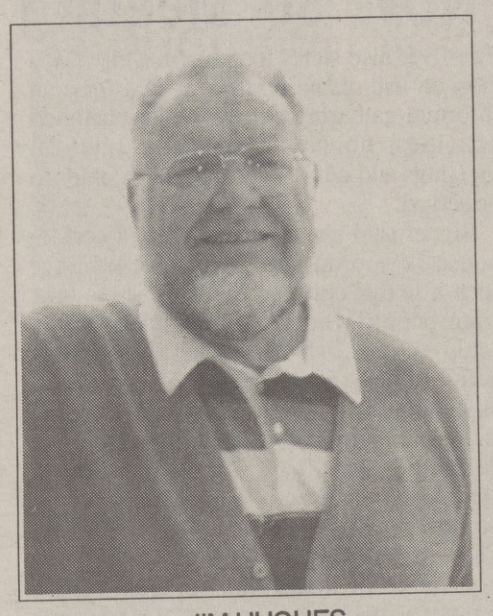
"I talked to Sam about many issues," she replied. "I did ask him for his support, and in front of a witness, he promised it."

Asked if he had made a deal to support Farina in return for her backing in the supervisors' runoff, Karas said, "I wouldn't call it a deal, but I did say that I would support her." Karas serves on the board as the representative of the Board of Supervisors.

The fight for control of the board came to public light at the November meeting when Long pulled a consent calendar item which provided for him to appoint a nominating committee in advance of elections for the officers who will lead the board during the next year.

"There has been a lot of controversy and communication about this," Long said. "I see no reason for a nominating committee. Individual board members can make nominations ... and the election process will be brought out in the open and done in the open air."

Later, Long told The Sun he had talked to Farina about the nominating committee, suggesting first one made up of Pendergrass, Hughes and herself. He said she rejected that, and he then suggested himself, Pendergrass and Dale Hekhuis. He said she also rejected that committee.



JIM HUGHES

Asked why he would support Farina instead of Hughes, Karas said Farina, a divorced attorney who moved here from Florida seven years ago but does not practice law in California, had more time to devote to the position than Hughes, a dentist.

"Fran really delves into these matters," Karas told The Sun. "Sometimes I disagree with her, but she has the time to do her homework and does it."

Heuer, a Carmel Valley resident who is frequently allied with Farina, also declined to say in advance how he would vote.

He took exception to the characterization by a close observer of the struggle for power that it was "a nasty little backroom fight." "I see it as just people checking around to see who has four votes," Heuer said.

With Long and Director Dale Hekhuis of Carmel leaving the board once Haddad and Burkleo are sworn in, Hughes would chair the meeting at which Long's successor is elected. If Long and Hekhuis were remaining on the board, both would support Hughes.

Karas told The Sun he thought it was "very important" who served as chair of the board. "Any chair can direct and steer the direction they want," he said.

Heuer, the senior member on the board, said he thought both Farina and Hughes had enough experience to be the chair. He said when there is a clear cut majority on the board, he believed the chair should reflect its views and the vice chair the minority views.

'But there is no clear cut majority on this board," he said. "There are shifting alliances on various issues."

For her part, Burkleo said she had been approached by both Hughes and Farina seeking her support.

Noting her husband is a building contractor, she said some of their friends in the building business had urged her, "Please don't vote for Farina or she will do this or do that."

Burkleo said she agreed with Farina on some issues and with Hughes on others, saying she wanted to hear the public debate before finally making up her mind.

As for her political plans, she said if she failed in her bid next November to become Seaside mayor, she would serve out the remaining three years of her term on the board.

Burkleo was appointed to the board from the first voting district because she was the only person to file for it. Haddad won election from the second voting district. They are the first members to serve from voting districts, the directors deciding last year to abandon the traditional practice of electing directors from the water district at large.

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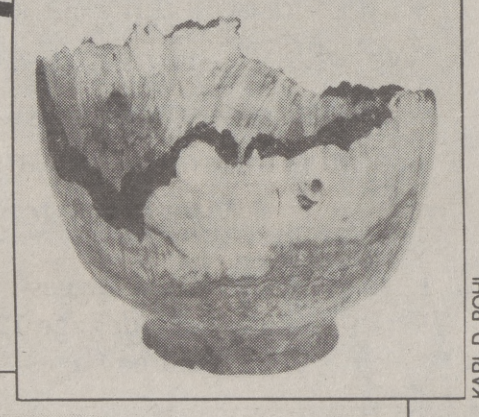

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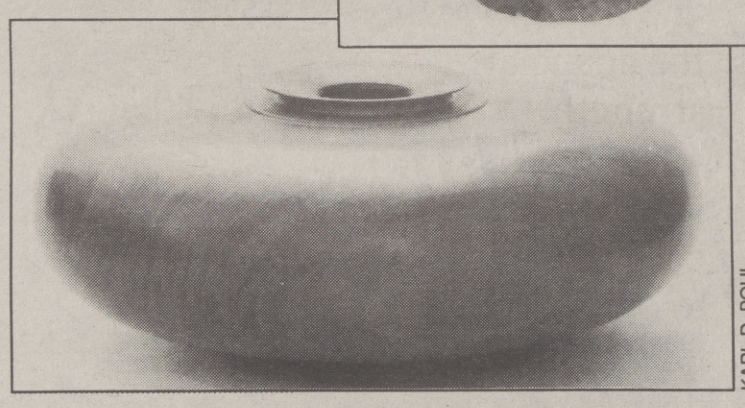

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Karas Names Committee to Study Coastal Tree Removal Regulations

Supervisor Sam Karas' appointment of a citizens' committee to investigate policies governing the removal of trees in Carmel Highlands started off about as controversial as the subject itself.

"I'm alarmed at some of the people on the committee," said Barbara Rainer, a member of the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee, in a telephone call to The Sun. "I don't believe there is good representation of the area."

Not an hour later, Karas told The Sun that he was adding Rainer to the committee. He also added Marc Davidian, Steve Brooks and David Prew to the group before its formation was approved by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday morning.

Karas said his intent all along had been to expand the list of members. "I've tried to be as fair as possible," Karas told The Sun. "I've tried to strike a good balance."

Rainer specifically objected to three members, George Brewer, Leland Lewis and Dan Keig, suggesting they would favor significantly easing the rules in the Carmel Area Land Use Plan designed to protect trees.

Other members of the committee included Richard Criley, Ray Parks, Roy A. Perkins, Tom Perkins and Judson Vandevere. All members of the committee except Rainer, Tom Perkins, Parks, Brooks, Prew and Vandevere live in the Highlands.

Karas said all sides in what has been a continuing controversy about tree trimming and removal in the Highlands had agreed to abide by the decision reached by the committee and specifically by Lee Otter, a Coastal Commissioner from Santa Cruz, who will work with it.

Expressing fears about wildfire, some residents want to see the heavily wooded coastal neighborhood cleared of dead, diseased and hazardous trees and underbrush. On the other side are those who want to protect the trees from both removal and trimming. Those wanting to save as many trees as possible complain that in some cases, landowners cut down trees to give themselves more spectacular ocean views.

In addition, many residents also complain about the cumbersome and expensive permitting requirements for removing even dead trees in the coastal zone.

Bud Carney, a planner with the county who likely will also work with the committee, said the county already has eased significantly the permit process for removing trees.

What is required now, he said, is for a homeowner to submit a photo of the dead or dangerous tree, file for a waiver from Coastal Commission regulations requiring a permit and pay a $100 fee.

He noted the Coastal Plan specifies that any tree that is larger than 24 inches around is a "landmark" tree and deserves special protection. However, he said the plan failed to take note that Monterey Pines that large, being relatively short lived, are in all likelihood nearing the end of their lifetime.

Karas said the result of the committee's would could prove to be a model for other coastal areas in the county. "If we can work it out there," he said, "we can work it out anywhere."

Parks noted that Tom Perkins, a member of the Board of Supervisors from King City, is a retired forester. His brother, Roy, is also a forester.

The most recent dispute over tree removal in the Highlands dates back to Karin Strasser Kauffman's term as fifth district supervisor. Keig, in particular, has been vocal about the policies, complaining two Monterey pines are ruining the Sculpture House and Garden building which he owns next to the Highlands Chevron Station. He said he was denied permission to cut the trees down, the county telling him he should jack the building up to save it from the tree's roots.

The appointment of the committee followed several meetings on the topic by Strasser Kauffman and then Karas, after he succeeded her as fifth district supervisor.

Parks said the present policy in the coastal zone which requires residents to get a permit even to cut down a dead tree is "counterproductive." "People are going around the law," he said.

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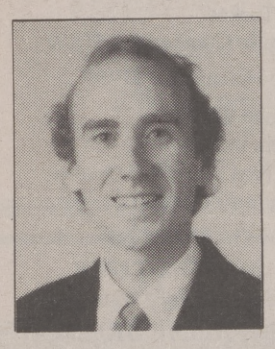

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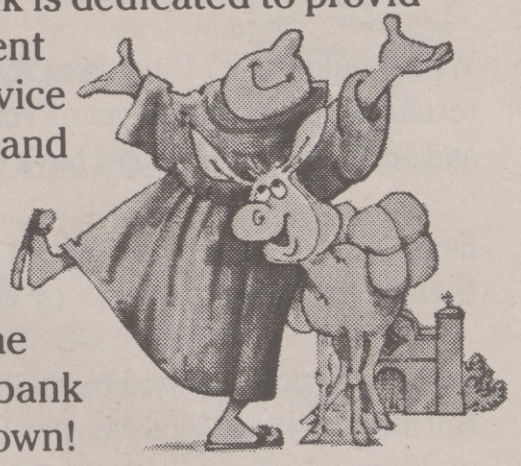

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Doris Day Hands Out $60,000 from First "Friends"

With her son suggesting he was just hoping they wouldn't lose money the first year, Carmel Valley's Doris Day handed out checks totaling $60,000 raised by her first Doris Day's Best Friends event.

The $15,000 checks went to The Boys' and Girls' Club of Monterey Peninsula, Family and Children's Services of Monterey, Peninsula Outreach and her own Doris Day Pet Foundation.

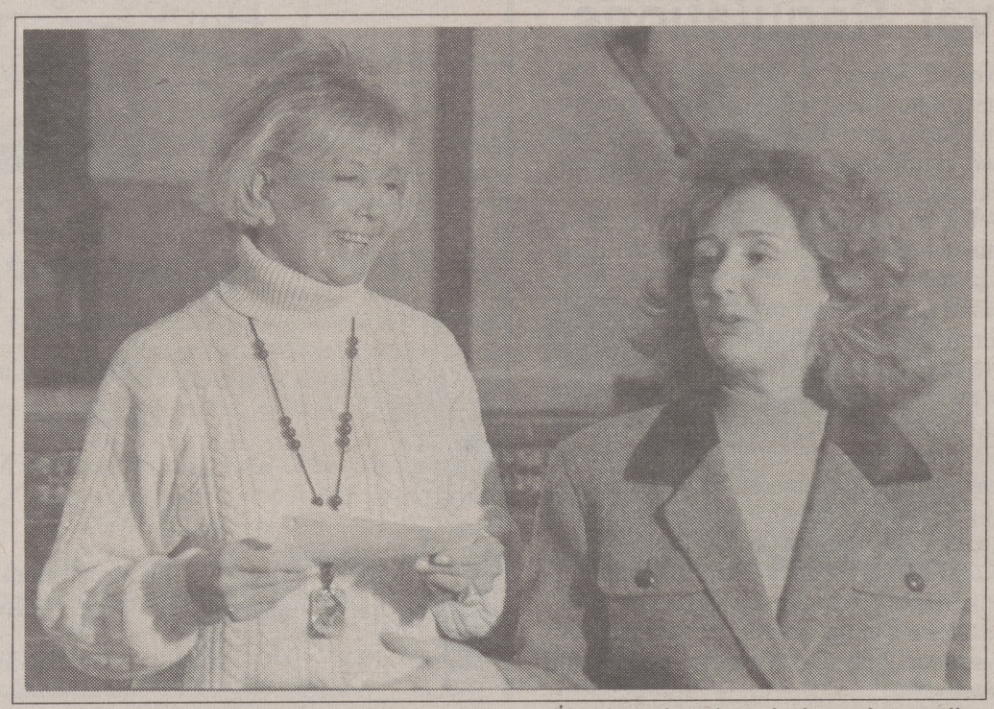
Clint Eastwood, Loni Anderson, Vicki Lawrence, Suzanne Somers and the Beach Boys were among the celebrities who joined in the fundraiser at Quail Lodge Oct. 9 for golf, croquet, tennis and a dinner dance.

"We succeeded beyond our wildest expectations," Day told a gathering at her Cypress Inn in Carmel where the checks were handed out. Her son, Terry Melcher, who served as organizer for the event with his wife, Jacqueline, said he had been worried the fundraiser might not be successful in its first year.

"We want to establish a new family tradition in Carmel, and we are very pleased with the results," said Jacqueline Melcher.

Day, a longtime staunch animal rights advocate, said the fundraiser helped draw attention to her foundation's efforts to spay and neuter animals to avoid overpopulation, arguing that if society spent less on unwanted animals it would be able to help more children.

"Each dollar we spend on neutering animals today will save us $17 in pet control dollars in the future," she said, "If not for humane reasons, how can people ignore the simple economics to help other people. That's the message our Best Friends event hopes to get across."



CARMEL VALLEY'S DORIS DAY was joined by her daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Melcher, in handing out checks totalling $60,000 to four charitable agencies. The money was raised at the first Doris Day and Friends fundraiser Oct. 9 at Quail Lodge.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Community Christmas Tree Donated to Park

When Pat Ireland and Doug MacIsaac of Greystone Video Productions offered to donate an evergreen tree to Carmel Valley's Community Park, they didn't know officials had already begun to look for one to serve as a community Christmas tree.

"Two days after we (the park board) had talked about it, these guys called up and said, 'What about a Christmas tree for the park?'" said Randy Randazzo, a director. "It was like somebody upstairs was really pushing for a Christmas tree."

Randazzo jumped at their offer, and a deodora cedar was scheduled to be planted Tuesday near the flagpole in the park off Carmel Valley Road.

The tree will be lighted Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. in a ceremony officials expect to become a yearly tradition. Randazzo said the park district will serve cider and cookies at the lighting.

"It just seemed like a good thing to do," Ireland said of the gift. Greystone produces films and commercials.

Randazzo said Russ Murray donated the removal of an acacia tree on the knoll where the flagpole is, and the cedar will be planted in its spot.

A Request for Support for The Carmel Clubhouse

What? The Clubhouse which was approved by the city council when it granted permission to locate the First Murphy on city property.

Isn't that what we have now? No.

What's the difference? The clubhouse was to be a place where our residents could meet friends over coffee or tea, choose from a light menu, read, play cards, chess or whatever in an atmosphere of genuine leisure. That is, an atmosphere free from the problems associated with the city's very high rents. Sancho Panza, a great Monterey cofffee house of the early sixties was to serve as a model.

Why didn't it happen? It was happening under Mayor Grace. The Murphy Park Committee, on which Enid Sales, Brian Congleton, Dave Walton and I served, among others, was proceeding toward just such a use for the house when concerns about zoning caused the mayor, as she said, to reduce its planned function and to terminate the committee as of December 1991,

How can we bring about a really fine clubhouse? Simply **attend the meeting at the council chambers Nov. 30, 4 P.M. and say that you want it.**

Who would run it? I suggest a rotation of concessionaires from among local restaurants. Bob Bussinger of Ventana, Cindy Corbett of The Village Corner, and Jeff Ford of Paolina's have expressed a willingness to participate.

Do I have any financial interest in the Clubhouse? No. My only wish is to spend my money and play my chess there.

Isn't this action opposed by the present First Murphy Committee? Perhaps. But all of us in the First Murphy Committee and Carmel Heritage have a real problem of ethics on this subject. We appealed for, and accepted, many thousands of tax-exempt dollars with a promise of a real clubhouse. Our written appeals included light food service.

Carmel isn't Monterey of the early sixties. What if it doesn't work? This is not a town which is short of ideas. We simply make it better.

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Gianelli suggested the most likely users for more reclaimed water would be Pacific Grove's cemetery and municipal golf course which are just down the road from where the reclamation pipeline now ends near Spanish Bay.

Gianelli's group has conferred with the California Department of Dam Safety to see what improvements would have to be made to make Forest lake a safe storage site. Cal-Am is putting up a new 2.5 million gallon tank to store drinking water in place of Forest Lake.

Built in 1892, Forest Lake will require "extensive modification" before it could be used, Gianelli said. The lake was created by

In addition, water seeps from the dam.

Gianelli, who also served as chairman of the Panama Canal Commission and assistant Army secretary in charge of the Corps of Engineers, said modifications to the dam could include installation of a plastic liner and a French drain system under it to keep it dry.

The Department of Dam Safety requires that the dam be emptied in a hurry if necessary in an emergency. It wants the Forest Lake to be able to spill half of its 400 acre-feet volume in seven days if necessary. That amounts to 10 million gallons a day.

Richard Andrews, executive director of the Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD), said the Department of Dam Safety endorsed the group's plan in

oncept at a meeting early in November. ut it also said it would like to see addi-ional measures taken. They included extensive soils testing of the dam, installation of a monitoring system in any French drain to ensure that it stays dry and seismic monitoring of the embankments at the lake.

It also said that a larger outfall pipe should be installed so that the lake could be emptied faster in an emergency. Presently, a 24-inch pipe leads from the dam into a creek that wends its way to the ocean just south of Spanish Bay. The Department of Dam Safety said it would require a 36-inch outfall with manholes in it so that a person could go into it to inspect it., Andrews said.

Curtis Weeks, an engineer with Engineering Science, Inc., of Monterey said the plastic liner for the lake would cost about $3 million. "Overall, it would take

"Pebble Beach Co. is clearly interested in having more potable water released," Andrews told The Sun. "It has more building lots that it wants to develop and is also interested in doing another golf course."

If the group's plans materialize, it will also help augment fire fighting capability in the Forest, Andrews said.

For his part, Gianelli, an initial member of the water management district, is critical of the water board for not being more active in reclamation efforts.

"It sticks in my craw that the water management district has hardly spent a penny on reclamation," Gianelli said. He said if the water management district board had been more active, it could now be in a position to control the allocation of additional potable water in a way to encourage reclamation and conservation projects.

He said Pacific Grove had no money to pay for reclaimed water storage facilities, but if the water management district had been more involved it could reward communities taking part in reclamation efforts by providing larger allocations of potable water to them.

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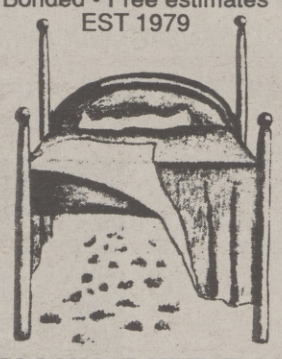
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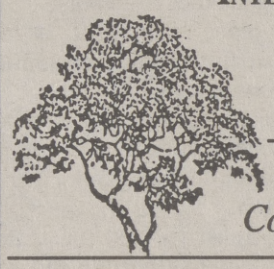

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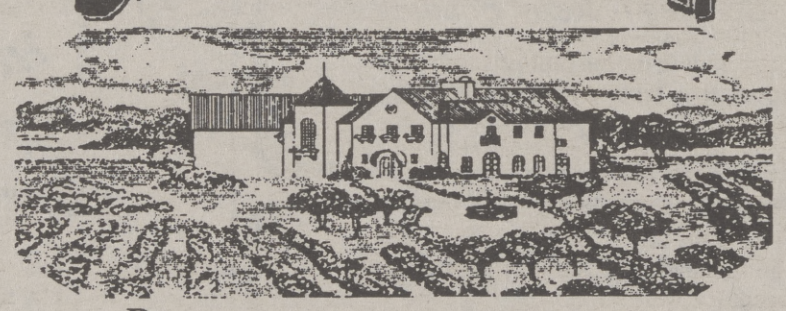

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Some Newcomers, City Hall Hurt Carmel: Tescher

By Isabelle Hall

Frustrated and angry after four years of watching the City of Carmel's on-again, off-again decisions on how to handle Pescadero Canyon, developer Chris Tescher accused City Hall and some politically active newcomers of "hurting the city."

Tescher talked in a lengthy interview after the Planning Commission voted 7-0 Nov. 17 to recommend the city buy six buildable lots on the south rim of the canyon, although the city has no money and previous efforts to trade a lot had fallen through. He said he spoke up in behalf of the property owners who protested.

It was the proposed development of a lot owned by Tescher/Levett Development Co. that first sparked the continuing controversy two years ago. The straw that broke Tescher's back, however, was the city's decision Nov. 9 not to allow Norm Pressley of San Diego to appeal its denial of a 5-foot lot line adjustment to have a conforming lot for his house on the canyon.

Planning Director Brian Roseth denied the adjustment on Oct. 13. When Pressley filed a letter of appeal following instructions from the Planning Department, Tescher said City Attorney Don Freeman wrote him that his appeal was rejected because it arrived two days late in the mail even though it was postmarked three days before the Oct. 25 deadline. He provided The Sun copies of all the public city documents in the issue.

Proud to be a "developer," which he noted has become almost a term of abuse in Carmel, Tescher, 48, said, "I have a fairly thick skin. I have just learned to live with being a second class citizen but these are just people who bought property here because they wanted to retire here. They just wanted to have the same kind of life as (Councilwomen) Barbara Brooks and Barbara Livingston. That's what really burns me. It's just absolutely wrong and it's hurting the city. I'm really worried about it."

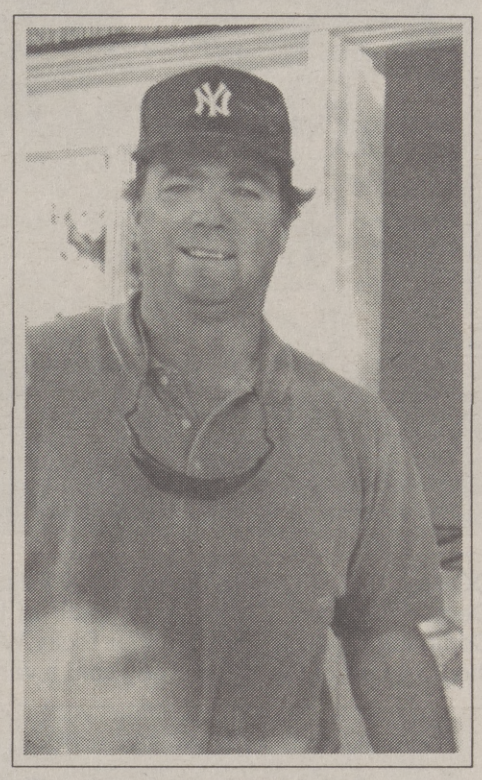
"You start denying people property rights, and it's like a chemical cloud the way it spreads," he warned. "It's certainly happening with the Forest and Beach Commission," he said, refering to recent ordinances controlling tree-trimming.

"The government in this town is taking basic rights that people used to enjoy when they have property," Tescher charged. "I've been here some 30 years. I know many of these people, and when you see them one on one on the street, they're decent, good people. But you give 'em a little bit of power, and they just change like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

"Slowly our rights are being chipped away, and I'm not talking about building hotels on the beach—just very basic rights. This government is becoming more and more restrictive. The attitude that's going around City Hall is that they know best for everybody, that government is going to dictate and control everything in your life."

The tall, good looking builder said he believes that if the artists, writers and professors who founded the resort city at the turn of the century were to come back, "They would be run out of town, or else they wouldn't want to live here."

Tescher, who moved to the area at the age of 12 in 1956, said he began building in 1972 and today does 80 percent of his work in the city although he lives just outside it near Carmel High School.



CHRIS TESCHER

"The people who are most tolerant are the people who've been here the longest," he said. "The reason Carmel is beautiful is because it's been left alone. The people who moved here most recently are the most restrictive. I guess it's because they come from places that aren't as nice. This is not a bubble."

Tescher said his partner, Denny Levett, had talked to some Carmel officials about donating the 1-1/2 acre lot he owns in the county on the north side of Pescadero Canyon to the city.

"But he's so turned off, that option is off the table, and Denny is saying, 'How can I give this to the city and reward them when they punish the property owners?'"

Tescher said he had asked Mayor Ken White and City Administrator Jere Kersnar how to get the lot line adjustment denial before the City Council, but he was not hopeful and was considering advising Pressley to resubmit the request. "I think this fella deserves an answer. All he wants is his day in court."

Referring to all the documents in the case, he related the different positions taken by Roseth and the Planning Commission to support his charge that "These people are being led down the same road the city led us. They are being manipulated and lied to and being denied even the most basic property right of a five-foot lot line adjustment. Governments are not formed to take away people's rights.

"They must have spent thousands of dollars on this lot line request...they're spending all this money on denying citizens basic access to their rights."

Tracing the lot line request, Tescher said, "it could be a case study."

After his plans for one house on the four-lot property were approved by the Planning commission in 1991, Tescher said he asked for the lot line adjustment so he could sell the strip of land to his neighbor. He made the initial request in October of 1992 to former Planning Director Diane White.

"She said, 'That's pretty simple. I have the authority to approve lot line adjustments of five feet or less," Tescher said. But after a few weeks went by and he heard nothing, he asked her about it and she said, "Barbara Livingston and the Friends of Pescadero Canyon had found out about the request and had concerns so she was going to submit it to the commission." Soon after White resigned and left the area.

The lot line request was on the Feb. 24 agenda with a copy of findings for approval that said it would not create any violations of city ordinances. Noel Mapstead of the Friends of Pescadero Canyon opposed it and called for an initial study. Tescher said the staff then concluded this was not required and put it on the agenda again. Whereupon he said Freeman called his attorney to tell him he was pulling it from the agenda because the ordinance clearly said the decision was up to the director. Freeman later decided Mapstead was right, Tescher said.

Although Mapstead speaks against many of the proposals Tescher makes, Tescher agrees with him that the city is delinquent in not having implemented its Local Coastal Plan.

"Who suffers?" he asked. "The taxpayers. There's so much ambiguity. They're in violation of their own Local Coastal Plan."

He said Freeman had looked at the ordinance governing the lot line adjustment "three times and had three different opinions. It's the threat of lawsuits that Noel has over these people."

Continuing the saga, he said the full commission then called for an Environmental Impact Report for the lot line adjustment but after the 45-day public comment period, "Brian said, 'I cannot make you do an EIR. It's just not good planning. I want to approve it, get it before the council and try to do a package deal for Pescadero.'"

Instead, Roseth denied the request, finding that it was a zoning violation because it involved five feet of property that had not been used and the adjustment would make it useable. It was this decision that Pressley appealed and that was rejected for arriving too late.

Strict Smoking Ban to be Mulled By Board Dec. 7

The Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing for Dec. 7 on a proposed ordinance which would ban smoking in all public places, restaurants and bars and places of employment in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County.

The proposed ordinance would declare second-hand tobacco smoke a "Class A carcinogen," or potential cause of cancer following the lead of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In a report to the board, County Health Director Robert Melton said the cost of enforcing the ban by the county's Environmental Health Division would be "financed by fines collected from violators of the ordinance."

John Snider, chief of health promotion on Melton's staff, said the ordinance, if passed, would provide for fines of up to $250 on the first violation, $500 on the second and $1,000 on the third.

Snider said enforcement would be "passive"—meaning the Health Department would act only when it received a complaint. He said enforcement would not be aimed at individual smokers, but at owners, operators or managers of businesses.

Noting that 20 counties and some 44 cities in the state had passed similar ordinances, Snider said he believed most businesses would welcome the ordinance. "It would take them off the hook," he said, meaning they would not be the ones responsible for deciding whether smoking is allowed or not.

Melton said the ordinance was drafted by the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Monterey County. The hearing on it was scheduled for 11:20 a.m. in the board's chambers in Salinas.

Noting that polls showed 80 percent of state residents favored such strict bans, Melton said the anti-smoking movement was gaining ground "real fast."

His memo to the board noted that bars would be included in the proposed ban, but an "exception is made for hotels and motels which may set aside up to 25 percent of their rooms for use by smokers."

Melton told The Sun that he expected a number of restaurant workers to appear at the public hearing and urge supervisors to suport the proposal.

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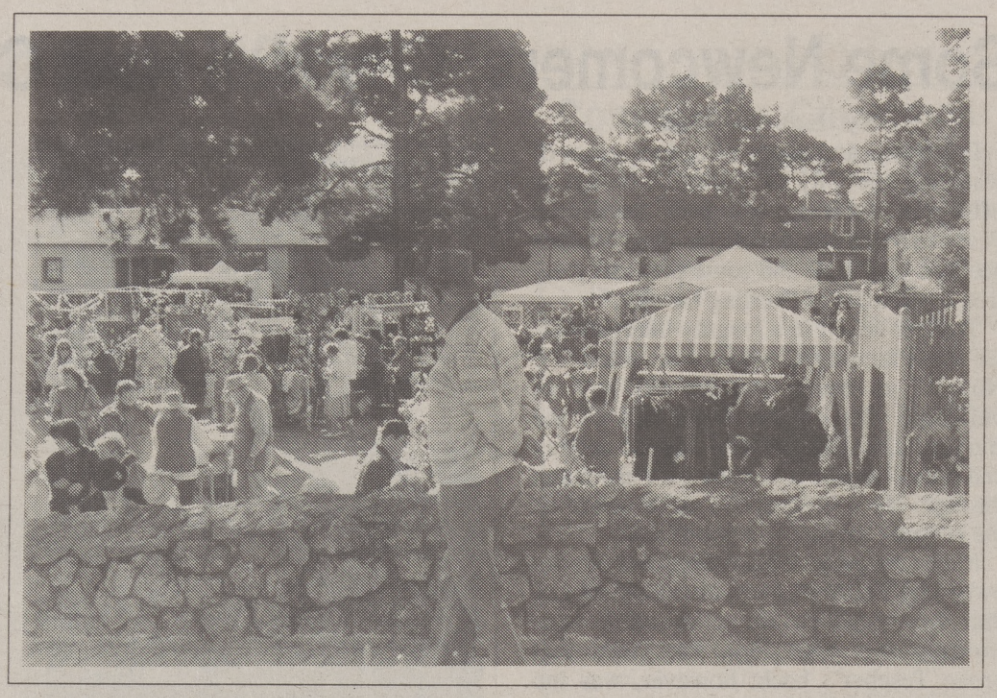

DOING THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING early, above, were crowds at Sunset Center Saturday. Leslie Voss, chair of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, below, and member Ricky Wolfe, manned a booth for the first time in the 23 years of the show. They sold a variety of chocolate confections.

CROWDS TURNED OUT for the 23rd Annual Homecrafters' Show at Sunset Center Saturday where 300 exhibitors presented a wide variety of gifts for Christmas shoppers. Larry Hulette of Salinas, above, won first prize and a refund of his $35 fee for the best presentation of work in his booth of native American handicrafts. Surrounding him from left to right were the judges, Councilwoman Barbara Brooks, Kaen Carlson of The Pine Cone, Cultural Commissioner Stephanie Snuggs, Isabelle Hall of The Carmel Sun and Nina Hanlon of The Herald. Second place and a check for $30 went to Robin Maloney, a Carmel Valley silversmith, and Gina Tegenkamp of Salinas won third place and $25 for her presentation of childrens' clothes. A teddy bear Santa Claus at right was typical of the fanciful gifts available at the show.

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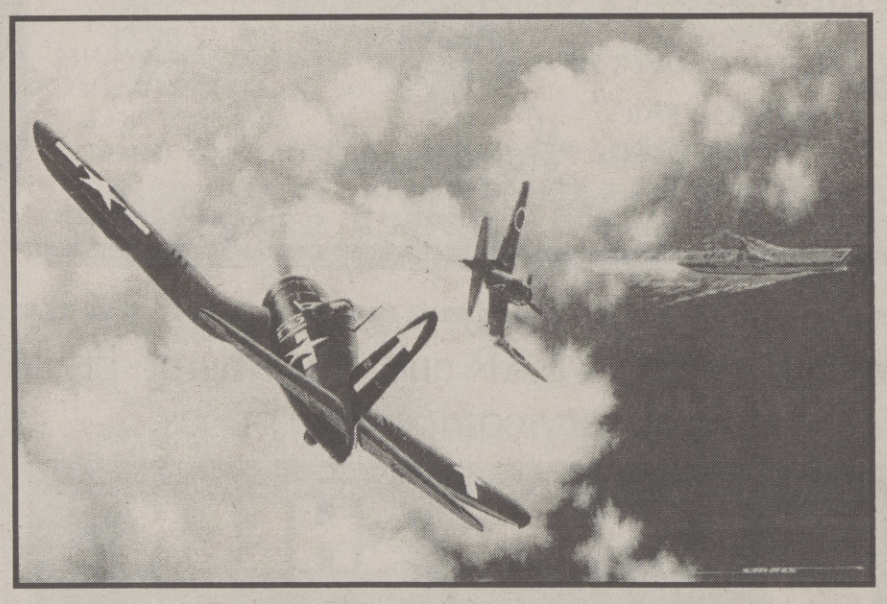

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A mixed-use project pending since 1984 won approval from the Planning Commission for construction of a combination residential-commercial building on Junipero between Fourth and Fifth Avenues.

The vote was 7-0 in favor of preparing a Negative Declaration for the project which Thomas Lee Hill first brought to the commission nearly 10 years ago. The staff was directed to prepare findings for approval and circulate the Negative Declaration for public comment to be reviewed at the next available commission meeting.

Hill wants to build four residential units and two commercial spaces on the site on the west side of Junipero. Each primary residence will contain a detached secondary unit at the rear and a small commercial space at the front of the property. The project would include an underground garage.

In 1984, a five-unit condominium project was approved for the 7,100-square foot site but the property subsequently was sold. Hill's application for a duplex and two single family dwellings was reviewed three times between 1990 and 1991 and ultimately denied because of concerns about site design, mass, the mix of unit sizes and impacts on views.

Carmel Seeks Equal Status on FORG

The Carmel City Council plans to vote next month to seek an equal voice on the new Fort Ord Reuse Group (FORG).

On the agenda for Dec. 7 is a resolution accepting ex officio membership status in the group but requesting full voting membership within the next six months.

When the group was formed last week, Carmel and Pacific Grove were granted non-voting status. Marina, Seaside, Sand City, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Salinas and the county have voting status.

Wilde Lot Line Change Gets OK

Kirstie Wilde won unanimous approval from the Planning Commission for a lot line change on land occupied by what is believed to be the oldest structure in Carmel. The house also won approval for an historic designation.

Wilde and her husband, Paul Miller, of Pacific Grove, were approved by the Planning Commission Nov. 17 after agreeing to keep the easement between the former Powers Studio and any building to the south free of encroachment.

The studio on the beach west of San Antonio just south of the Carmel Gate to Pebble Beach was built as a barn by John Monroe Murphy in 1846. It had been recommended for historic designation by the Historic Preservation Committee because of its age and the importance of the early owners to Carmel.

The lot line adjustment permits the site on which the studio stands to be 7,170 square feet and the building site to the south to be 11,888 square feet. The parcel was subdivided in 1954.

Wilde, a former television news announcer and reporter, gave the commission copies of extensive research she did on the history of the property. She said Frank Powers, who turned the barn into a studio for his artist wife, Jane, was more important in developing the city than Frank Devendorf for whom a park is named.

DISCOVERY – THE LIVELY ARTS

By Janey Bennett

Opera, Opera, Opera

Smug San Franciscans, take note! Opera is alive and well south of San Francisco! This past week I attended a first-rate production of Tartuffe at Opera San José, followed by an Opera Extravaganza with our own Monterey County Symphony and a not-so-good Evening With The Phantom.

Local praise first: Clark Suttle led the combined forces of the orchestra, the Symphony Chorus and soloists to a wonderful night of excerpts from well-loved operas. Appearing were Brenda Harris, a soprano with a glittering voice and awesome skill in coloratura decorations, and Baritone Nathaniel Watson, who was really a pleasure to hear. By the end of the evening, with her performance of Dunque io son from the Barber of Seville, Harris had really put the audience in her pocket! It was nothing less than a triumph.

What glitches there were, were minor: early on, the orchestra seemed soggy in its responses in the Aragonaise from Act II of Carmen, and when additional soloists joined Harris and Watson for the Waltz from Act II of Gounod's Faust, the tenor, Gene Albin, could not be heard.

The Symphony Chorus was a real pleasure, especially in Patria opressa from Act IV of Verdi's Macbeth. This chorus is an asset to the community, and will, I hope, be used often in subsequent seasons. Our local orchestra grows stronger with each concert. The musicians and especially Clark Suttle are to be congratulated.

Kudos all around!

Opera San José

Opera San José is a small company with big goals. Resident in the Montgomery Theatre, which offers only 539 seats, their productions are intimate in comparison to the experience of opera in large-scale opera houses such as San Francisco, Covent Garden or La Scala. The immediacy of the music and the acting makes this a much more satisfactory introduction to opera for those who are intimidated by the idea of going to see tiny figures far away shaking spears and singing in an unintelligible language. This is operatic 'little theatre,' fresh and friendly.

Tartuffe had its world premier in San Francisco in 1980. Its composer, Kirke Mechem, was inspired to use Moliere's play as libretto for an opera after he saw the ACT production of Tartuffe with Rene Auberjonois in the title role in the early 70s. It's a small opera with one set and nine characters, yet it explodes all over the stage. It is funny, wise and utterly charming.

Tartuffe is a scoundrel, presenting himself as a holy man. He has influenced the wealthy Orgon so that Orgon disowns his family and grants all his property and his daughter to Tartuffe. When his wife manages to convince him to hide while she draws out Tartuffe's romantic intentions toward her, he ignores that but reacts when he hears Tartuffe call him a fool. This finally makes him see the light and confront Tartuffe. Mad antics resolve the plot.

All the performers were effective and spirited, but two singers stood out in the performance I saw: Julie Ness made wonderful use of her role as Dorine the maid. She is one of those magical performers born with innate stage presence. She planted her character in the audience's eye and never lost control. (It's also a wonderful part!) She rolled her eyes and played off of every other character on the stage, and her presence unified the forces against that evil Tartuffe.

Ah, yes, Tartuffe! I've seen a number of Tartuffes, but never have I seen one so simultaneously attractive and revolting. Mel Ulrich, in his first year as a Principal Artist-in-Residence at Opera San José, has a sense of playfulness which allowed him to present a Tartuffe who actually could have bewitched Orgon as he did. He was terribly charming and at the same time, dishonorably lecherous and conniving. He also has a strong and pleasant baritone voice.

Opera San José is the invention of one woman, San Jose-born Irene Dalis who, upon her retirement from a successful operatic career (she was recognized as one of the leading singers of her generation: a leading dramatic mezzo-soprano who sang in virtually every major opera house, including twenty consecutive seasons at the Met, receiving a Grand Prix du Disque for her 1962 Bayreuth recording of Kundry in Parsifal) returned to her home town and accepted an appointment at San Jose State University to teach opera students.

That led to a formation of a student company, which led to a community company which led, in 1984, to the formation of the fully professional Opera San José, of which she is still General Director. She is also still in charge of the opera program at San Jose State University.

The intention of the company (the only one of its kind in the United States) is to give a wide range of performance experience to entry-level opera artists and to present top quality opera in a non-intimidating manner to the community. Artists are selected for six positions as Principal Artist-in-Residence and four positions as Associate Artist-in-Residence. These posts are available for as long as four and one years respectively. In addition to full productions of operas, the company brings Opera In-School Outreach programs to the schools of San José and within a radius of 30 miles. One of their projects is called 'Let's Make an Opera.' A Principal Artist-in-Residence singer and a company pianist work, over 15 sessions, with an elementary-school level class and help the children create an original opera: libretto, music, costumes, props, singers, publicists, ticket-takers, the works! (They'd love an invitation to come to the Monterey Peninsula!)

Based on the creative joy visible in this production of Tartuffe, I'd say this is a very successful enterprise. May it continue to grow! Tartuffe runs until Nov. 28.

The Phantom

Preceded by publicity which made us expect something marvelous, An Evening with the Phantom, a review with four singers and a pianist, arrived at Sherwood Hall in Salinas on Friday night the 19th. It was the sort of review that one might expect on a cruise ship, and in that environment, it would have been pleasant enough.

A concert version of excerpts from The Phantom of The Opera made up the second half of the performance. That was preceded by performances of songs from various musicals, operettas and Sicilian songs. It should have been a delightful evening. But three of the voices were cursed with a slow, wide vibrato which is very distracting. The performers tried hard and there were some enjoyable parts to the evening, but all in all it was not what we were led to expect.

The spirits were willing but the voices were weak.

CHEESE SELLERS, FETHIYE, TURKEY by Jean Wilsdon Brenner is an acrylic painting that will be on display at the Santa Catalina School Gallery exhibition called The Fabric of Tradition. It opens Dec. 4 and will run through Feb. 6.

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FUN-IN-THE-SUN

BY DAVE LYON

Joyous Turkey-Day greetings from your friends and neighbors at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. On behalf of President Bill "the stuffing king" Tarp, the staff and your fellow Valleyites who comprise the volunteer board at the CVCYC, the best of wishes on Thanksgiving.

Three sure signs of late autumn in Carmel Valley: 1) the buckeye trees start turning; 2) Randy Randazzo starts wrapping X-mas lights 'round the wooden Indian, and 3) my two Golden Retrievers suddenly discover their best manners, but only after that big bird appears in the fridge. Unfortunately, this behavior last about as long as Thanksgiving leftovers, then its up on the bed again and back to chasing the cat.

Something to be thankful for this year and every year: the opportunity to live in such a beautiful place, in such a wonderful town as this, with a Community Center that sponsors such great events as the annual Santa's Fly-In. This year's visit from Santa, the 35th annual, with be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Carmel Valley Airfield.

Santa will arrive at 11 p.m. but be sure to get there early to watch the parade organize and to enjoy hot coffee and pastry treats. Kids: drag your folks there early to ensure the best seats on the fire trucks. The Fly-In procession will leave the airfield after Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by plane and parade through the Village to the Community Center.

Remember, a drawing will be held just before the Fly-In and the names of two lucky children, a boy and a girl, will be selected to ride with Santa, in his sleigh, during the parade. Raffle tickets for this drawing will be available throughout the Village from selected merchants beginning the first week in December. Watch this space for info on where they can be purchased. Valley youngsters can enter as many times as they wish.

Our annual parade organizer, Randy Randazzo, sez: all living persons, plant life, animals and otherwise movable objects who would like to be in this year's parade are urged to contact him soon. Randy can be found at Carmel Valley Market, or call the Community Center office at 659-3983.

Yes, wax up the '53 Hudson, stick antlers on the dog and be a part of this great community event. The only requirement is that you must be able to throw X-mas candy to the crowd along the parade route.

Also in the parade will be an assortment of bands, old cars, fire trucks, clowns, cheerleaders, local dignitaries, wise men on horses, kids on bikes, dogs with reindeer horns and the parade grand marshal—as yet unannounced.

Once the parade reaches the Community Center, children of all ages will be able to visit with Santa and tell him what they want for Christmas.

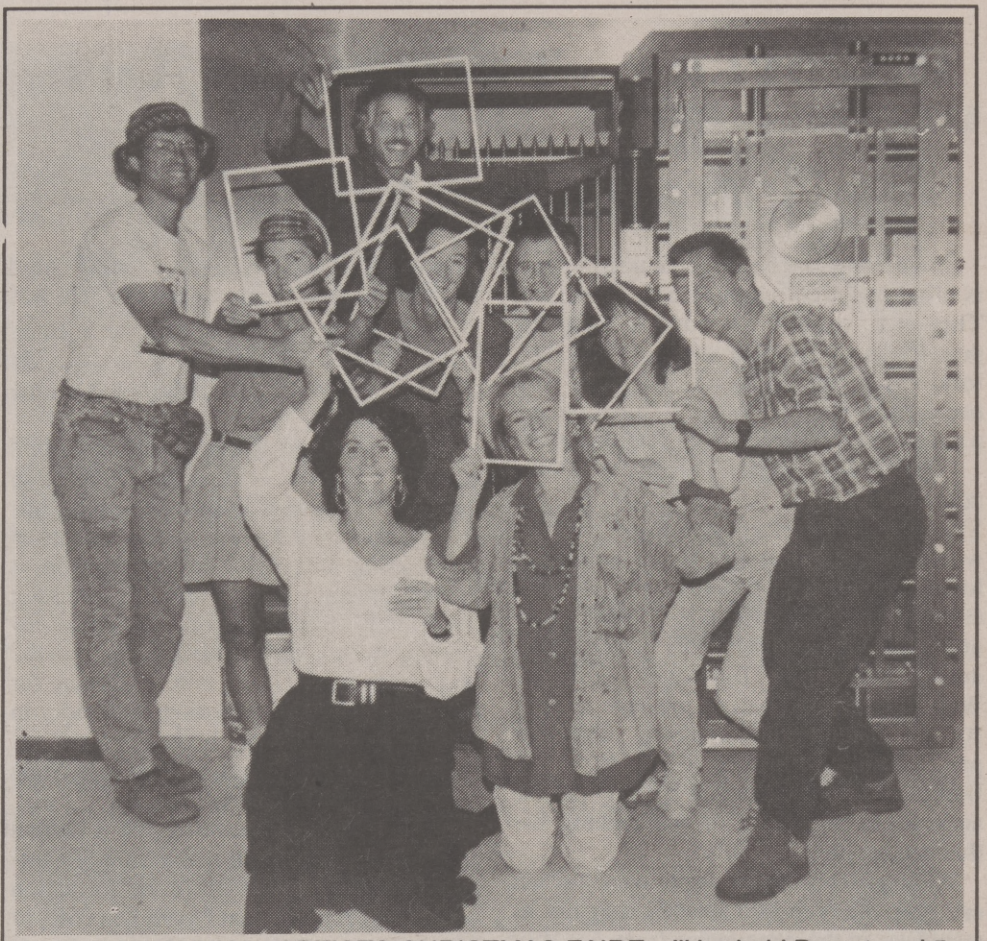
After one has seen Santa, the whole family is invited to join friends and neighbors at the Community Center and enjoy many arts and crafts booths, a bake sale, game booths, face painting, live music and yummy treats for everyone. And, yes, last year's very popular Carmel Valley Moosehead Eggnog will return.

A very special treat this year will be the first annual Carmel Valley Village Christmas Tree Lighting. It will be on Friday, Dec. 10 at Carmel Valley Park. Everyone is invited to meet at 5 p.m. to enjoy refreshments and Christmas carols. The official lighting will take place at 6 p.m.

Occurring the night before the traditional Fly-In, the lighting ceremony will make for a very festive holiday weekend.

A few changes to announce in the CVCYC schedule of classes: The popular Jazzercise class will no longer be meeting on Friday evenings, but will be holding class on Saturday mornings, from 8:30 until 10:00. Also, Yoga will not be meeting on Mondays during the month of December, which is bad news for anyone hoping to slim-down for the up-coming holiday munchy season. Better hurry off to that Jazzercise class, instead.

And finally, before you all sprint for the Turkey table, a special word of great appreciation goes out to Chuck McKay, who is retiring from his position with the Carmel Valley Park District after many years of service. Thank you, Chuck. May your wit and your pencil stay always sharp.



THE 13TH ANNUAL ARTISTS CHRISTMAS FAIRE will be held Dec. 4 and 5 at the former Crocker Bank building at Mid Valley Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Promoting the event some members of the group posed in front of the bank vault, saying they'd been "framed." Pictured above are Mark Andrew, Gerrica Connolly, Jack DeWitt, Debra Ferreboeuff, Jenny Long, Cary Lowney, Janelle Gistelli, Peter McArthur and Renée McClue. Also showing their work will be Robin Begbie, Herb Eaglestone, Nancy Holm, Melissa Lofton, Angela Melendez, Hiroshi Ogawa, Ruth Rubin and Betty Withrow.

Photo by Peter McArthur

Women Seek Teachers' Endorsement of Charter School

Two women who want to form a charter school in the Carmel school district wrote teachers to solicit their support for the project. Signatures of 10 percent of the 155 teachers in district are needed in order to submit a proposal to the local school board for review.

Virginia Connelly and Pam Krone-Davis, both of Carmel, hope to found a school for students in grades six through eighth. They plan traditional type instruction in the mornings and special projects and off-campus activities in the afternoon. Parents will be required to donate a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time a month.

The school will not be for students with learning problems or disabilities and will be limited to 15 students per grade level. Enrollment will be first come, first served, the women said.

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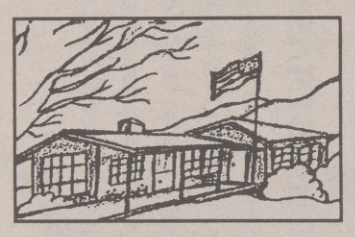

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY ISABELLE HALL

I'm having two Thanksgivings this year. My brother, Alan, and some of his family were with us last week for the first time in too many years, and our daughter, Cathy, comes this week. Now, I understand what my father always said that Americans make more of this harvest holiday than they do of Christmas. Makes sense in a country of some 250 million people of varied religions that a non-sectarian event would come before the religious celebration of Christians.

To the surprise of many American friends, we celebrate Thanksgiving in Canada also. It is a harvest holiday without the pilgrims.

To my mind, the ritual of such celebrations whether they be religious or not is good for the soul. It is good to be with family and friends, to remind yourself of your roots, to feel a community with your fellows.

Having my big brother in the house was like a trip back in time to the little house in Toronto where we grew up. I found myself gazing at him in astonishment because I was looking at my mother and father, myself, and even our older brother, Art, who was killed 28 years ago. With them all gone, he is now the patriarch of the small Lancaster family and says he feels his age.

I would take Alan in for awhile and then go and look in the mirror, and there he was, and all my ancestors, too. Where did I go? It was a most curious feeling that has not yet gone away. I am sure if you live near your siblings all your life, you are not as astonished to find the similarities in an eye, an ear, a grin or a frown.

A close family, we always ate dinner together around the big mahogany table on old leather chairs. We laughed and argued and enjoyed my mother's wonderful cooking. Too bad that way of life seems to have disappeared in this country.

When Al and Suzy and his son, Mike, and Mike's wife, Heather, were here we opened some of our best wine and celebrated over a roast lamb. We had our usual rousing good time. At one point Suzy and I were arguing, our fingers pointed at each other across the table almost in a perfect parody of each other. "Don't you point your finger at me," she grinned. "What do you mean? You're pointing your finger at me," I grinned back, and we broke up laughing, a private moment shared between sisters-in-law that the others weren't quite in on.

The next day we drove down the Old Coast Road and lolled in the sunshine over a lazy lunch at Ventana high above the Pacific. It was a perfect day, one I had envisioned for at least five years. We take everyone we love to that spot for lunch to reflect on the serenity of the mountains and the sea.

This week, Cathy, arrives along with a friend from Georgia and Mike and Heather and her brother and his wife from Toronto for Thanksgiving, and I will be the matriarch.

CELEBRATING AN early Thanksgiving were The Sun's Isabelle Hall and her brother, Alan Lancaster, on a tour of the Old Coast Road. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

I have always taken great delight in cooking a turkey dinner and would feel cheated if I didn't get the chance. I even like wrestling the big bird around while I stuff it with dressing. Bringing it out of the oven for regular bastings fills the house with an incredible aroma that creates an appetite.

This year, we little band of Canadians—along with my Texan husband—are stressing southwestern cooking. Instead of the Brussels sprouts, peas and carrots, rutabagas, bread and sausage stuffing and gravy we traditionally ate in Canada, we're stuffing the turkey with blue cornmeal dressing made with low fat ground, white turkey meat. The vegetables will include garlic mashed potatoes, yams and a melange of corn, zucchini, tomatoes and cilantro. We'll begin with a chicken broth with white corn kernels, lime juice and sun dried tomatoes.

I used to be awakened Thanksgiving morning in Toronto by the smell of sliced onions simmering in butter as my mother began to fix the dressing. Now, if I want to enjoy cooking odors, I have to create them myself.

Cathy will be remembering all the treats of her growing years to keep me on my toes. I will sit and look at her and Mike and see myself and my brother again.

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GRAFFITI PAINTED ON A WALL at Tularcitos Elementary School in the Valley will cost $200 to remove, officials estimated. The incident, which occurred on the weekend, is the fifth in the past three weeks at Carmel area schools. In each, the same basic figures—a caricature of a man and a fish—have been painted on school property, according to Deputy Pat Duval. School officials estimated it will cost some $600 to remove all the graffiti.

Thanksgiving Draws Visitors

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Quarles who has worked on the fairgrounds event for the past 23 years. If people are alone or without the finances to prepare a holiday meal, the fairgrounds meal is there for them, she said.

She anticipated the number who will attend may be up by about 500 more than the 2,500 who came last year. "I'm hearing that people are needing help this year." Those who can share their abundance bring turkey, juice, desserts or vegetables and everyone is welcome whether or not they can bring food to share.

A wide cross-section of the community joins together for the meal. which is prepared and served by volunteers from various clubs and organizations.

At 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving eve the Monterey Kiwanis members start cooking about 115 turkeys. "We have more people than you can toss a cat at in the kitchen," Quarles said, noting about 50 work on Thanksgiving Day. "But it's important to get a jump start on the turkeys."

Thirteen years ago someone said the event was going to be cancelled because no one could be found to coordinate it. "It had meant so much to me, I took over," Quarles said.

Describing herself as a "Grandmother who's holding at age 39," Quarles said no volunteer who wants to work on the event is turned down. Usually about 180 volunteers work, and if excess volunteers arrive they are corraled for the choir which sings throughout the day, she said. In its 23rd year, the community dinner started as a pot luck with ethnic food such as Mexican or African dishes, Quarles said.

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Dec. 1 is the deadline for preliminary registration in the Artists' Studio Tour '94. Call 626-9252 for more information.

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BY MARK EATON

This time of year you can count on a number of plants to be in full bloom. Some of the most prominent are members of the daisy family, scientifically known as the *Compositae* by some authorities and *Asteraceae* by others. Mexican Bush Marigold (*Tagetes lemonii)*, Golden Shrub Daisy (*Euryops sp.*) and Garden Mum (*Chrysanthemum morifolium*) are some of the most obvious examples seen in local gardens. Certain varieties of salvia, such as the Mexican Sage, are putting on their best show right now. The poinsettia is making its annual appearance for holiday decoration.

Why is it that certain species of plants bloom heavily at a given time of year but show little or no color at other times? There is a concept in botany known as *photoperiodism* which is defined as the growth response of a plant to the length of day, or, more precisely, to the length of the light and dark periods. USDA scientists discovered this concept in tobacco plant research many years ago and it was soon found that a great number of plants responded to day length. It became apparent that a majority of plants fell into one of three categories: short-day, long-day and day-neutral. Short day plants initate flowers only when the day length is below about 12 hours. When using chrysanthemums as an example, you might think, "But I see mums for sale in stores almost every week of the year." If they're one of these short-day plants, how can that be?"

The answer is in the discovery of photoperiodism. When greenhouse growers became privy to this concept, the cut flower and potted plant industry changed forever. You can buy chrysanthemums in full bloom during the longest days of the year in the month of June because the day length was manipulated by the horticulturist. By shading the mums with black opaque cloth, growers have "fooled" the plants to give the effect of short day length. This, along with proper temperature control initiates the flowering response in the chrysanthemum. conversely, by lengthening the day with intense, artificial light, you can assure having certain crops available throughout the year.

If you ever find yourself driving at night on Highway 1 north of the town of Half Moon Bay, you will pass one of the largest greenhouse operations in the United States called Nurserymen's Exchange. My partner, Jim Flagg, and I worked for many years at this company and at night some of the greenhouses are lit up like Disneyland.

In these houses are thousands of potted miniature roses being given supplemental lighting by expensive sodium vapor lamps so that we can have these plants available almost any day of the year.

Poinsettias normal bloom time is in the month of December and because of the natural short day length, they don't usually require any black cloth to be pulled over the tops of the greenhouse benches. but the bright red poinsettias you see in some stores in early November required the use of black cloth to "shorten" the days so they could be ready for sale.

Day-neutral plants apparently can initiate flowers during days of any length. They include many tropical plants that either flower on a year-round basis or, if they do not, can be affected by other environmental conditions. the tomato is a classic example of a day-neutral plant. Although it would be too cold outdoors in winter to raise tomatoes, they can be grown in a warm green house without any artificial lighting or black cloth covering.

So the next time you bring home a potted mum for the dining room table, remember that a lot more goes into it than meets the eye!

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Board Okays New Ambulance Rates

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a new schedule of emergency ambulance rates based on what comparable surrounding counties charge.

In acting Nov. 16, the board noted that the rates were intended to be "interim" ones pending its plans to initiate a competitive process for county-wide ambulance services by 1996.

A-1 Ambulance of Salinas has successfully challenged the county's regulation of emergency rates and regulation at all of non-emergency rates in the past, delaying the county's plan to go to competitive bidding.

The new rates provide that ambulance providers who think the new charges are not fair can appeal, and Chief Gary Carmichael of Mid Valley Volunteer Fire Department suggested he would not be surprised if some private companies did.

Carmichael, secretary of the Carmel Regional Fair Ambulance which provides service in Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur, said for his part, "I can live with the rates."

He added, however, that as a public agency, he did not need to show a profit as private firms did. "All I need to do is break even, more or less," Carmichael said.

The rates approved by the board were:

	charge	change
ALS	487.44	75.50
BLS	254.74	38.84
Emergency	56.52	------
Night	51.09	4.35
Oxygen	51.19	9.03
Mileage	11.02	1.87
Standby	114.42	------
CPR	------	-28.60

ALS is advanced life support, administered by trained paramedics. BLS is basic life support, often supplied by members of volunteer fire departments.

The issue of rates are especially sensitive in the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur region. Prior to a 1988 vote in which residents countwide approved requiring paramedics on all emergency ambulances, emergency service was free in the region. It was provided by members of volunteer fire departments trained in BLS, mainly using ambulances provided by the Carmel Red Cross chapter.

Wall Wins Berth in State Cross-Country

Carmel High's Danielle Wall qualified for the state finals with a seventh place finish in the Central Coast Section cross-country meet. She will compete Saturday against the top prep distance runners in California at Woodward Park in Fresno.

Coach John Ables expressed special pride in the showing of the Carmel girls' team, noting it finished sixth overall in the CCS, missing a fifth-place finish by just three points.

He said sophomore Denise Cardamone finished 20th, and praised the entire team—Jennifer Eyerman, Adelle Woytak, Georgia Benigni and Lilly Woytak.

In boys' competition over the 2.9 mile course at Crystal Springs, the Padres' Bart Rowley finished 12th, missing going to the state finals by just two positions. Ables noted he is a junior and said he expected him to go to the state finals next year.

HOME SALES

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from Oct. 26 through Nov. 12. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sales prices shown are based upon documentary transfer tax stamps recorded and may or may not reflect the actual final sales price of the properties below. The Sun makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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LOPEZ AVENUE. Roy Woods to Stephen and Janene M. Montgomery. $405,000.
SAN CARLOS STREET. Donald Bauer to Todd J. and Brooke Elmgren. $320,000.
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2385 STEWART WAY. Timothy R. and Della L. Cass to Benjamin G. and Myra M. Griggs. $950,000.
3229 SERRA AVENUE. Donna J. Colliard to James R.Durham. $282,000.
3451 TAYLOR ROAD. Deborah J. Snyder to Ulrich Peretz.$290,000.
26371 CARMELO STREET. Michelle Bradley Chittano to Lorenzo E. Murphy. $598,000.
26260 MESA PLACE. Wells Fargo Bank to David A. and Karin J. Oliver. $350,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

LOS LAURELES . Joan H. Olson to Jon R. and Sandra J. Kasky. $300,000.
PABLO PLACE. Nancy Porter to Gary J. and Geraldine R. Alfson. $550,000.

Padres Gridders Make All-MTAL Second Team

Dustin Nagai and Pete Jepson of Carmel High School were named to the All-Mission Trail Athletic League football second team on both offense and defense.

In addition to the two-way winners, Jamie Cosseboom was named to the second squad on offense and Chris Bleich made it for defense.

Palma, which repeated as league champion, dominated the first team selections, placing seven players on offense and four on defense.

Gahagan Get Another Tennis Win

Will Gahagan of Carmel Valley Racquet Club and his partner, Ed Oeschlaeger of Walnut Creek, won the 80-year-old division men's doubles at the USTA National Doubles Intersectional Championships in Sacramento last week.

Representing Northern California, they did not lose a set in their four matches. In the championship game, Gahagan and Oeschlaeger beat Lynn Baker and Robert Cooley of Dallas 6-4, 6-2.

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McFly's Allowed To Serve Food

The new owners of Maxwell McFly's Bar on Ocean Avenue were approved by the Planning Commission to sell food the second time the request came up for review.

Chairman Jack Kennedy reversed his earlier vote against the application, and it was approved 5-2 at the Nov. 17 meeting.

On Oct. 13 the request was denied on the basis that Measure H, the commercial zoning ordinance passed by the council and upheld by the voters in June, did not allow any new food uses on Ocean Avenue.

Planning director Brian Roseth recommended approval, saying that a bar was functionally equivalent to a restaurant when considering the overall mix of land uses. The vote was 5-2 with Commissioners Ed Jordan and Melanie Billig dissenting.

Among his arguments for the use permit was the "broad social benefit" that stems from allowing the consumption of food within a bar "as a means of encouraging more responsible drinking."

The new owners, Murray Weaver and Paul Elliott of Fair Oaks, said their menu would include oysters and seafood, clam chowder and salads.

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by John Saar, Broker

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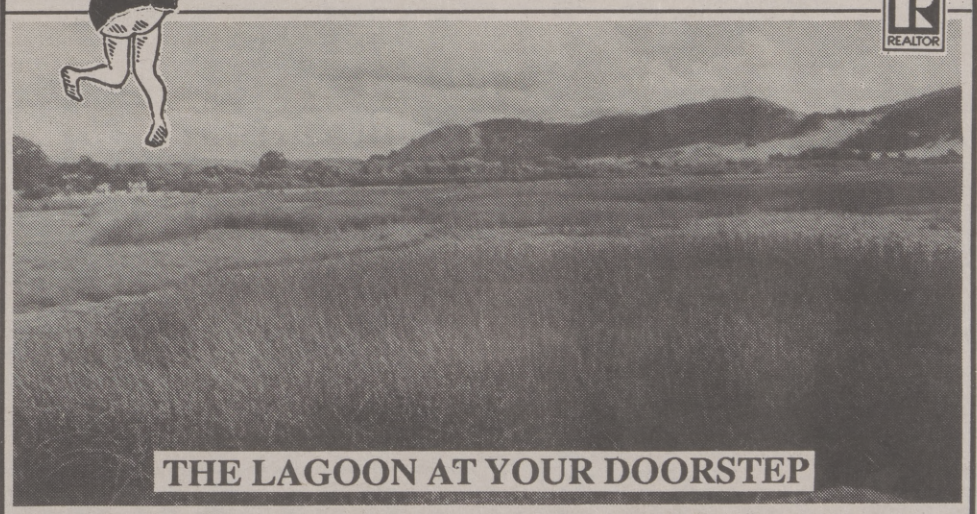

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Leaving Wheelchair Behind, Man Feels Free as Eagle on Skydive

Lance Builta, a 27-year-old Carmel Valley resident, left the confines of his wheelchair to tandem parachute from a height of 13,500 feet recently with a jumpmaster at Skydive Hollister. He said the experience reminded him of an eagle "flying as free as can be."

Builta, who was born with spina bifida, said he began thinking about wanting to jump when he when he went to the California Air Show in Salinas and heard an announcer tell about a quadriplegic who had skydived.

"When I heard that I said, 'If he can do it, I can do it,'" said Builta, who collects "anything to do with eagles" and military posters of aircraft.

A resident of Rippling River in Carmel Valley Village, Builta got the name of Skydive Hollister, and when he called them, "They encouraged me to try," he said.

He made his $160 jump Nov. 5 after a couple of hours of instruction. When asked how he was feeling when he went up in the plane, Builta said, "Scared. I was honestly scared."

But he said he told himself he'd gone that far, and there was only going to be one way down for him, and that was out the door of the airplane. "I'm here. I'm' going to jump," he told himself. For the jump, Builta was tethered to the jumpmaster.

The men fell at speeds of 120-miles-per hour or faster for the first minute until they opened the parachute. "It seemed like 48 hours," Builta recalled.

He couldn't hear anything the jumpmaster was saying until after the parachute opened. "Once the parachute opened I could hear him better."

When the rectangular-shaped parachute opened, "It was like hitting a brick wall with a car," Builta said. His landing was like "falling on a bale of cotton."

He went up with a group of skydivers who jumped in formation. A cameraman jumped prior to Builta to record his jump on video for him.

The day was crystal clear. "The most beautiful thing I saw was the Sierra Nevada mountains. The mountains were snowcapped. I could see all the Monterey Peninsula and the cities," Builta said.

The jumpmaster taught him how to steer the chute, and they did some full circles and figure eights, he said.

Builta said he asked his father, Ron Builta, who is ranch foreman at Rancho San Carlos, to join him on the jump. "He said he was too busy at the ranch," but his son said he questioned if that was the real reason he didn't go, suggesting maybe his father got cold feet.

When asked if he would ever like to jump again, Builta said, "I'd do it in a heartbeat."

Lunar Eclipse Party Set Sunday

The Monterey Peninsula College Astronomy Department and the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA) invites the public to join them Sunday for a Lunar Eclipse Star Party and Telescope Fund Benefit.

The event will be held from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on the MPC baseball field. Weather permitting, stargazers will view the full moon which will turn a dark blood red during the eclipse and a number of other star clusters and galaxies some two million light years from earth.

The two groups hope to raise $4,000 towards the cost of replacing a broken 14-inch telescope. Call 646-4157 for a last minute weather update.

LANCE BUILTA WAS SCARED before he parachuted from an airplane but was determined not to back out of the jump. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

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Freeway Debate on Funds

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against Karas if the county loses funding for any improvement project to relieve congestion on Highway 1 around Carmel.

Lois Starnes, chair of Citizens for Hatton Canyon, said, "Look for a recall if we lose the Hatton Canyon Freeway money. I'd go in on it, you betcha."

Starnes said the same 3,200 people who signed a petition in mid-October supporting the freeway would be willing to sign a petition recalling Karas from office if the freeway money were lost. She said a recall could be started in April, six months after Karas' installation as supervisor.

In what may be an argument more about semantics than substance, Shipnuck insisted, "We lost the guarantee. We didn't lose the money."

But Lipp said, "As of today, we would not approve the savings for Monterey County."

TAMC was scheduled to discuss a report on the CTC meeting Wednesday after The Sun's deadline. In addition to rescinding the guaranteed use of any savings, the CTC also agreed to TAMC's request for 60 days more time to study an underpass-based widening proposal known as 4/U.

Lipp noted the CTC historically has attempted to reward counties when projects are built on schedule and under budget. "But to build a completely different project does not seem to be consistent with that," he said. Severe need for transportation projects exists in other parts of California, he said.

Shipnuck said the commission still has the option to give the savings to Monterey County when the matter comes before the commission again in January, and Lipp did not disagree.

"Clearly I was happier with the September (CTC) motion than the November motion," she said. At its September meeting, the CTC said savings could be kept in Monterey County. In rescinding that decision, members said they wanted TAMC to decide on a Highway 1 project based on its merits, not on whether any left over money could be used for other projects.

Caltrans has said the 4U widening project is not safe or cost effective, and its cost has been underestimated by the county. But Caltrans director James van Loben Sels agreed to the 60-day extension to further study it, while stating he remains convinced that the freeway, known as 1C Modified, is the best solution.

Estimated by the county to cost around $20 million, the 4/U project calls for four lanes all the way up Carmel Hill and underpasses at Ocean Avenue and Carpenter. The underpasses would be used only by traffic turning left from Carmel to head north on Highway 1.

At its Oct. 27 meeting, TAMC voted to seek the 60-day extension, saying that if it did not get it or if the money was not guaranteed to stay in Monterey County, it would back the freeway.

Originally a supporter of the freeway, Karas has opposed it in recent years, stating his desire to preserve the openlands and wetlands for future generations.

Shipnuck has said at past TAMC meetings she did not believe Caltrans could obtain the wetlands permit needed to build the freeway.

Gregg Albright, Caltrans project director for the freeway, has said he thinks a permit can be obtained. Enhancement and restoration of wetlands at River School is one potential site where mitigation requirements could be met, he said.

The Carmel Unified School District is looking into the possibility of selling River School and building a new elementary school on land it owns next to Carmel Middle School in the Valley.

Albright said Caltrans' estimates for the underpasses at Ocean and Carpenter were "dramatically different" from the county estimates. "They are double or more what TAMC estimated," he said. "And that does not include making them safe."

Albright said he has heard some TAMC and CTC commissioners state that the 2.8 mile extension would serve just 15 percent of the traffic.

Declaring that is misleading, he said the use of the 15 percent figure frustrates him.

When traffic reaches the end of the existing four-lane freeway, two-thirds of it passes through the mouth of the Valley, he said, and one-third goes to Carmel.

Of the two-third going through the mouth of the Valley, about one-third will travel to Carmel Valley Road, one-sixth to Rio Road turning east or west and one-sixth to Big Sur. "We stopped the present freeway too soon," Albright said.

He said the proposed underpasses in 4/U would be "unusual. They would be out of character for Carmel, unlike anything else." The underpasses would require long ramps going in and out and six-foot-high barrier fences on both sides of the road to prevent cars or pedestrians from falling into them, he said.

Mayor Ken White of Carmel, an opponent of the freeway, called the underpasses "a very intelligent solution." When asked about the aesthetics of them, he said Caltrans tends to put the worst possible face on them but he thought a design could be created which would not be objectionable.

The City of Carmel is party to a suit charging the environmental impact statement is deficient. White said the City of Carmel has spent $10,000 in support of the suit, but would have to get approval from the City Council before spending more. "Other people have put a whole lot more in it," White said.

WATER FLOWS UNDER THE NEW BRIDGE on Esquiline Road in Carmel Valley Village after its construction was finished and a large culvert and a dirt detour were removed from the river. It replaced the old, narrow Rosie's Bridge, and some sentiment existed for naming it Rosie's, too. Declaring "history is history," Leo Berta, member of a pioneer Valley family, said he thought it should be named Robles Del Rio Bridge. He said that is what the old bridge used to be called, recalling he used to drive cattle out of what is now the Robles Del Rio neighborhood. *Sun photo by Peter McArthur*

CRA Petitions Passed

Post Office Downgrading Protested

The Carmel Residents Association (CRA) launched a petition drive protesting the loss of the last supervisory employee at the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office, and the man who has been holding down the job said he hoped the complaints are heeded.

Jim Richards, former operations manager at the main Carmel post office on Via Nona Marie who has been serving as station master for Carmel-by-the-Sea since January, said both he and Carmel Post Master Don Ask have been trying to get the position restored. Ask was on vacation this week, Richards said.

Area postal officials in San Bruno eliminated the supervisor's position because of budget constraints, Richards said. He said the station master's job was cut because the in-town post office is classified a "finance unit" under postal policies.

"The problem is that we have no carriers," Richard said, "and don't qualify for supervisory employees." But he suggested the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office is larger and busier than the typical "finance unit," which only qualifies for a level 6 finance clerk.

Richards noted the in-town post office has 14 employees and services 5,000 boxes. Residents in the city have no house numbers and no mail delivery and depend on postal boxes to get their mail.

The CRA petition noted the important role the post office played in Carmel where it is virtually the center of the community. It said the loss of the supervisor there "would certainly result in a deterioration of service for the residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea and will create great hardship by denying citizens access to an on-site manager who is able to solve problems as they arise."

The petition was directed to James H. Aanenson, district manager in San Jose, and Ken Fennell, manager of post office operations there.

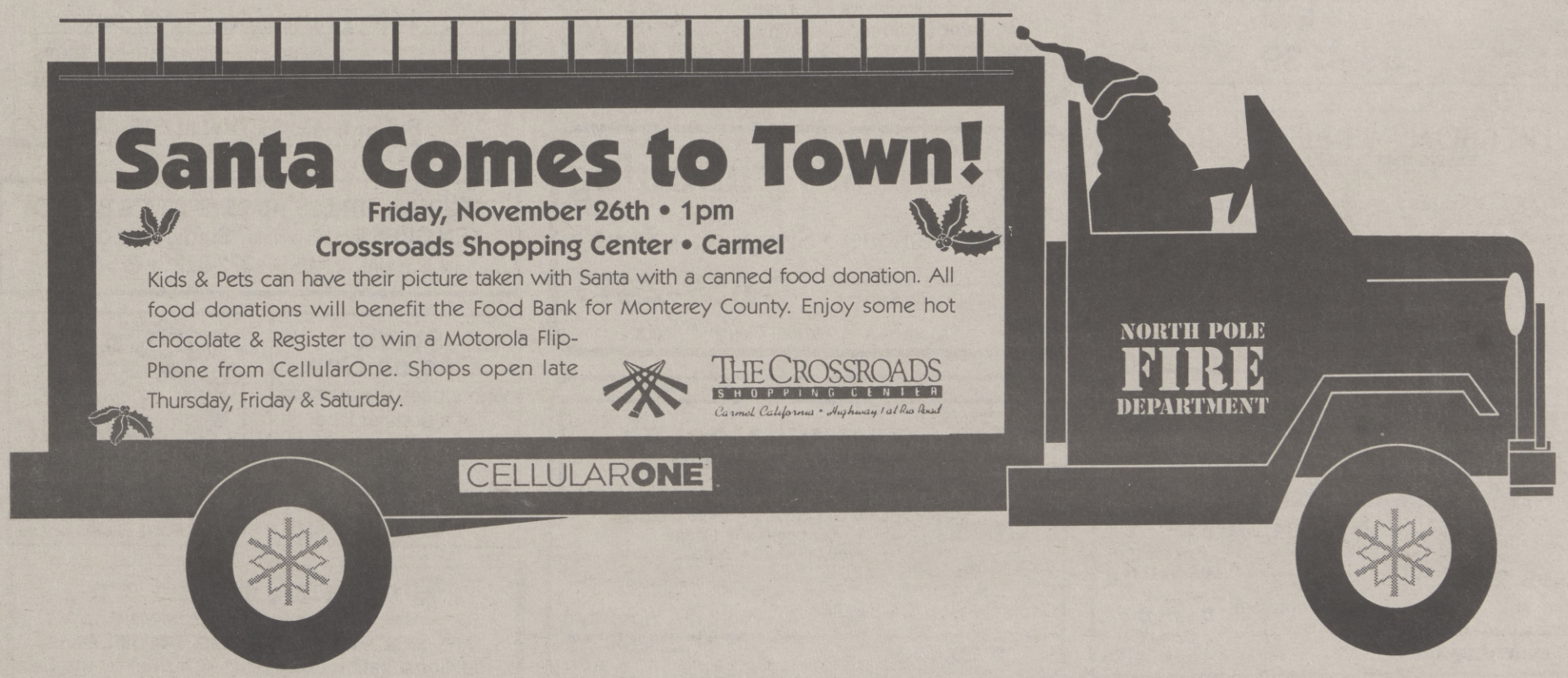
Organ Buffs Meet Dec. 5

Members will play for the annual Christmas party when the Monterey Peninsula Organ Buffs meet at the Elks Lodge on Mar Vista Drive in Monterey at 4 p.m. Dec. 5. For information, telephone 647-1707 or 624-3281.

Holiday Table Settings on Display

A variety of holiday table settings will be on display at the Carmel Woman's Club Dec. 6.

The show by club members is open to the public for a $1 fee. It starts at 2 p.m. and includes a tea. The club is located at the corner of San Carlos and Ninth Avenue in Carmel.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